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ELECTION 2006

BOV donations widely favor GOP overall

Matthews gives \$44,000 to Democrats, Plumeri over \$100K to GOP.

By MEGHAN O'MALLEY
THE FLAT HAT

According to PoliticalMoneyLine, a database and search engine of Congressional Quarterly, 13 out of 17 Board of Visitors members have donated a total of \$254,800 during the 2006 election cycle to candidates, political action committees and other political organizations. Of this total, \$66,750 went to partisan Democratic groups, \$147,900 went to partisan Republican groups, \$2,000 went to independent Senate Vermont Candidate Bernard Sanders, a self-described

socialist who would caucus with the Democrats in the Senate, and the rest went to non-affiliated political action committees.

As the governing body of the College, the BOV "appoints academic officers, faculties and other employees essential to the effective operation of all the institutions under its control," according to its bylaws on the William & Mary website. The BOV is comprised of 17 members, appointed by the Virginia governor, two student representatives, and two faculty representatives.

Vice Rector Henry C. Wolf, Secretary Suzann W. Matthews, R. Philip Herget, and Jeffrey B. Trammell contributed a total of \$25,250 to Democratic candidates, and Jeffrey L. McWaters and Joseph J. Plumeri

II contributed \$17,500 to Republican candidates. Plumeri also made the largest single donation of any BOV member this election cycle with his contribution of \$100,000 to the Republican Governors Association. Matthews has donated a total of \$54,500, \$13,500 to individual campaigns, followed by Jeffrey L. McWaters who contributed \$39,100, of which \$13,300 went to individual campaigns.

Last year, The Flat Hat reported that Matthews gave \$114,000 to help elect current Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine, a Democrat, making her one of the largest individual political contributors to the 2005 gubernatorial race.

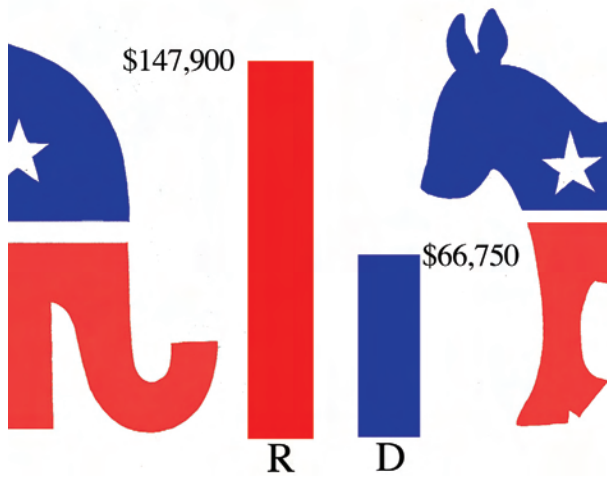
John McGlennon, a professor of government at the College, said that there is a limit of \$2,100 on donations

to candidates for federal offices; however, in Virginia, there is no limit on contributions to campaigns for state offices.

Seven BOV members donated \$32,000 to Forward Together PAC, a political action committee chaired by former Virginia governor Mark R. Warner, a Democratic.

One BOV member, John W. Gerdelman, donated \$2,100 to the Friends of George Allen on May 15, 2006, but the campaign refunded this donation to him May 28.

The Allen campaign declined to speak with The Flat Hat or provide a reason for the refund, but Gerdelman said that the donation was refunded because he went over the federally-allowed \$2,100 maximum for the campaign cycle.



GRAPHIC BY NATE BURGESS + THE FLAT HAT

13 BOV members made a total of \$254,800 in political donations for the 2006 election cycle. \$132,400 was donated to Republican groups, \$58,950 went to Democrats, \$2,000 went to independent candidates and the rest to PACs.

ELECTION 2006

Webb greets local voters

New polls show Webb establishing lead over Allen in close race

By BRIAN MAHONEY
FLAT HAT ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Just days before the Nov. 7 elections, Democratic Virginia Senate candidate Jim Webb attended a senate rally at the Three Olives Restaurant Wednesday on Richmond Rd. Webb is running against incumbent Sen. George Allen, a Republican.

The crowd numbered around 350, well above the Williamsburg fire code limits for the restaurant. Many supporters, unable to enter the restaurant, lingered outside.

The event included speeches from Davis Walsh, a senior and the head of the College's Young Democrats, and Democratic Congressional candidate Sean O'Donnell.

Walsh began the rally, praising Webb and reiterating the Young Democrat's support for the senate candidate. He then introduced O'Donnell to the podium. O'Donnell is running against incumbent candidate Republican Jo Ann Davis for a seat in Virginia's first congressional district.

O'Donnell praised Webb as a "hero" and said that he and the senate candidate had much in common.

"We both have skin in the game," O'Donnell said, commenting on the fact that both he and Webb have sons serving in the military.

O'Donnell also commented on his own race, criticizing Davis for her support of the war in Iraq.

O'Donnell then introduced Webb, who raised his fist in the air as he was greeted by supporters. Webb thanked his supporters for their help in his campaign and expressed relief that Election Day is nearing.

"On Tuesday, I'm going to vote, thank my supporters and then have a beer," he said.

Webb also commented on his position in the current polls, which showed him ahead of Allen by about 1.2 points, according to RealClearPolitics.com, a political website that averages recent political polls. Allen led by double digits in most polls earlier this summer before he was

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WEBB WOOS WILLIAMSBURG



ALEX HAGLUND + THE FLAT HAT

Jim Webb rallies with members of the College's Young Democrats club outside the Three Olives Restaurant on Richmond Road Wednesday. Webb, who faces incumbent Sen. George Allen, a Republican has pulled slightly ahead in the race.

College removes cross from Wren altar to make more 'welcoming'

By ANGELA COTA
FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

The cross formerly displayed on the altar of the Wren Chapel was relocated to the chapel's sacristy Oct. 26 to make the room more welcoming to all faiths.

Upon request, the cross is available for placement on the altar for services, private prayer or events.

"It is important to emphasize that the cross remains in the chapel and it is still there, but instead of being placed always on the altar, it is on the sacristy," Director of News Services Brian Whitson said. President Gene Nichol made the

decision after receiving some requests from members of the community to consider the cross's placement in the chapel. He consulted with members of the administration and decided it was best for the chapel to reflect openness, Whitson said.

Nichol addressed the college community in an e-mail Oct. 27 that stressed the welcoming nature of campus.

"I believe a recognition of the full dignity of each member of our diverse community is vital," he wrote. "For this reason, and because the Chapel is surpassing important in William and Mary's history and in the life of our campus, I

welcome a broader College discussion of how the ancient Chapel can reflect our best values."

An e-mail from Assistant Director of Historic Campus Melissa Enginmann informed employees of the Wren building on the day of the cross's removal. Since then, there have been mixed reactions from members of campus, Whitson said.

"But I think the members of the campus understand the need for our campus and the chapel to be open and welcoming to all," he said.

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ELECTION 2006

Alum's House fight rated one to watch

U.S. Rep. Chabot, '75, is in close race for Ohio's first district, Mollohan, '66 and Cantor, J.D. '98, seen as safe

By BEN LOCHER
FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

United States Rep. Steve Chabot, '75, (R-Ohio), one of the College's three alumni in Congress, is facing the fight of his political life. According to National Journal, a political magazine, Steve Chabot

holds the 25th most vulnerable House seat. Democrats need 15 seats to take control of the House, and Democrat John Cranley is about even with Chabot according to RealClearPolitics.com, a website that compiles and averages political poll data.

Chabot has represented the Ohio first district, a mix of urban, suburban and ru-

ral areas in and around Cincinnati, since 1994. Cranley, a Cincinnati Councilman, has challenged what many see as Chabot's strongest characteristic — his likeability.

Cranley's moderate approach has been resonant with voters. He has vowed to forgo pay increases until the federal budget is balanced and has been endorsed by the "Blue Dog" Democrats, a coalition in the House that supports moderate positions and often crosses party lines.

Meanwhile, Chabot has been endorsed by anti-tax groups like Citizens Against Government Waste and has sponsored legislation that would make it illegal for a minor to travel across state lines to get an abortion.

These positions in a politically diverse district could hurt him. In 2004, CNN reported that Chabot beat his opponent by a

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Beyond the 'Burg

♦ UNIVERSITIES CONSIDERING A SWITCH TO GOOGLE’S GMAIL

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON - Students at some U.S. universities may find their regular school e-mail interface replaced by Gmail.

Several schools are considering adopting Gmail, an e-mail service administered by the search engine giant Google.

Arizona State University announced in October that it was collaborating with Google to provide Gmail and other services to its 65,000 students.

Google is promoting Gmail and other services to educational institutions as part of an initiative called Google Apps for Education.

Under the initiative, Google will provide free Gmail service to schools, which they can use on their own domain names. That means existing '.edu' addresses won't change even though e-mail will be hosted on Google computers.

Students already using Gmail seem to welcome the idea.

"I prefer the Gmail interface over the one used by [my] university," said Alex Flemembaum, an 18-year-old freshman at the University of Maryland. "Everything is laid out in a way that makes sense."

Flemembaum said he mostly uses his Gmail account as a storage space, relying on his university account to collaborate with other students and receive announcements from the university.

Gmail is popular among many users because of its high storage capacity, which is about 1,000 times greater than that of a typical 2 MB university e-mail service, and the protection it offers against spam and viruses.

However, some Gmail features have raised concerns about privacy. Targeted ads have faced criticism because they rely on Google computers to search both outgoing and incoming e-mails for keywords.

The Google service has also caught the attention of schools abroad. The Faculty of Management Studies, a business school in Delhi University, India adopted the Gmail system in June.

Ankush Trakru, secretary for media relations at the school, helped set up the new service. He says that many of the 300 students and faculty use the new Gmail accounts as their main e-mail addresses.

Trakru does not believe privacy is of particular concern with Gmail. He said that with typical e-mail services, the administrators have the ability to look at e-mail, while with Gmail it is Google computers that search your e-mail. "In either case, you can't promise privacy," Trakru said.

However, privacy rights advocates say there is cause for concern. Pam Dixon, executive director of the World Privacy Forum, says that while individual e-mail users can choose not to use Gmail if they have privacy concerns, students may not have that option.

"If it's mandatory from the school, I think it changes the privacy argument," she said. "It's objectionable if students are not given an alternative."

— By Aditya Ramanathan, U-WIRE (D.C. Bureau)
— compiled by Maxim Lott

This week in Flat Hat history

1930 Two oldest colleges play football

The two oldest colleges in the county, Harvard and William and Mary, drew each other 13 to 13 in a football match. Harvard had been the favored team.

1978 Stadium to be renovated

The Board of Visitors approved final plans for a \$1 million renovation of Cary Stadium, the precursor to Zable Stadium.

1983 Police crack down on jaywalking

Campus Police announced that they would crack down on jaywalking, instituting a \$3 fine for violators. The new emphasis was the result of six accidents involving bicyclists and pedestrians that semester.

1995 Computers worth \$25,000 stolen

\$25,000 of computer equipment was stolen from a training laboratory in Small Hall. The computers had been chained to a table, but the thieves simply took the table with the computers. Police suspected either professional burglars or students.

— compiled by Maxim Lott

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♦ NEWS IN BRIEF ♦

Cingular plans to fix shaky service with 10 new towers

Cingular cell phone users can look forward to better service. Cingular Wireless is continuing with efforts to develop its shaky Williamsburg-area network, Cingular representatives say.

After building three cell towers locally in the last year, Cingular plans to add 10 more over the coming year. One of these 10, projected for completion by March, will be built directly adjacent to campus and should considerably enhance Cingular reception on campus. Cingular representatives stress that enhancing a network is a slow process; each cell tower presents a unique red-tape maze and generally takes about two years to erect.

— by Andy Henderson

Residence Life re-evaluates room phone service

The residence hall phone infrastructure may be nearing the end of its lifespan amidst murmurs that it should be replaced with a cheaper and more efficient alternative. Residence Life is currently surveying students, hoping to determine if students actually use their room phones now that cell phones are so prevalent.

Deb Boyken, director of Residence Life, emphasizes that there are currently no plans to do away with room phones, but says that the current, costly system, which will need to be replaced, does appear to be under used and may not be the best option for the future.

— by Andy Henderson

William and Mary cadets place third in competition

William and Mary ROTC cadets placed third out of dozens of teams in the Ranger Challenge at Fort Picket, Va. The contest includes "the Army physical fitness test, basic rifle marksmanship, construction and execution of a one-rope bridge, patrolling, weapons assembly, orienteering, a hand grenade assault course and a 10-kilometer road march," according to an Oct. 31 press release.

— by Maxim Lott

Governor Kaine bans smoking in all public buildings

Governor Tim Kaine signed an executive order banning smoking in all state buildings Oct. 26. Public colleges and schools are affected by the ban, according to WTOG, a Washington D.C. radio station.

"As a major employer in Virginia, I am committed to taking steps to improve the health of employees and minimize health risks in the

workplace," Governor Kaine said, according to a state news release. "Banning smoking inside state government buildings and vehicles also will protect citizens doing business with state government, and ultimately will help hold down our state workforce health care costs."

Smoking in public buildings is currently restricted in 21 other states.

— by Maxim Lott

College receives \$472,409 grant for cancer research

The College received a grant from the National Cancer Research Institute totaling \$472,409, according to an Oct. 16 press release. The money will fund research on proteomics and bioinformatics technology, improvements in which could lead to better early cancer detection.

Two College scientists, Dariya Malyarenko and Tina Bunai, are principal investigators in the project, along with two researchers who are not affiliated with the College.

Proteomics, the study of proteins in the body, could be used to detect cancer because some proteins are thought to indicate certain diseases, including cancer.

— by Maxim Lott

Poll indicates young people will vote in record numbers

A new nationwide poll released by the Harvard Institute of Politics finds that young people between the ages of 18 and 24 are energized for the election and likely to vote in record numbers. The online survey of 2,546 18 to 24-year-olds found that nearly a third of them would "definitely be voting" in the upcoming election. If the findings prove to be right, that would mean an all-time record in the turnout rate among younger voters. The current record for a midterm election was set in 1982, when 26.6 percent of 18 to 24-year-olds voted.

The poll also found that young people disapproved of the way President George W. Bush was running the country. Respondents gave Bush an average grade of "C-" on seven major issues. The lowest grade for a single issue was on Bush's handling of Iraq, for which he received a "D+."

Young people trust the United Nations, the military and the Supreme Court more than Congress or the president, the poll also found. 38 percent said they trusted the United Nations and 50 percent trusted the Supreme Court, compared to 31 percent for the president and 29 percent for Congress. The military received the highest trust score, with 55 percent.

— by Maxim Lott

WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday



High 54°
Low 33°

Saturday



High 56°
Low 35°

Sunday



High 59°
Low 42°

Source: www.weather.com



POLICE BEAT

Wednesday, Oct. 25 — A locksmith reported vandalism to Chandler Hall. An officer estimated the damage at \$40. **1**

Thursday, Oct. 26 — A faculty member reported that his car, parked on Landrum Drive, had been vandalized. Police said that the car had been keyed, estimating damages at \$500. **2**

— Fire Safety inspectors reported finding fireworks in Unit A and requested an officer to respond. The fireworks were confiscated and a report filed. **3**

Friday, Oct. 27 — A tourist reported that her credit card had been used without permission at the campus bookstore, saying that she

suspected her ex-boyfriend. \$358 worth of items had been paid for using the card.

— A student reported that her registered but unlocked bike, worth \$450, had been stolen from near the fraternity complex. **3**

— Police received a noise complaint from Hunt Hall. The caller also suspected that underage drinking was going on, but police found nothing, so no action was taken. **4**

Saturday, Oct. 28 — Police received another complaint from Hunt Hall about noise and possible underage drinking. For a second time, police found no problems. **4**

— A caller reported seeing female on Compton Drive who was stumbling and seemed intoxicated. The woman, a non-student, was arrested. **5**

— A female student in Barrett Hall reported receiving an obscene phone call. **6**

— Police received a noise complaint from the second floor of Jamestown North, and they referred the incident to the RA on duty. The RA found a small gathering and asked the students to turn their music down. **7**

Monday, Oct. 29 — A student reported receiving "suspicious" messages on her cell phone.

Tuesday, Oct. 30 — A student reported receiving harassing e-mails from an estranged father.

— A student reported that his registered bike had been stolen from outside of Gooch Hall. Its value was estimated at \$50. **8**

— compiled by maxim lott

STREET BEAT :

How do you feel about the decision to remove the cross from the Wren Altar?



That's complete bullshit – it's a chapel. It's a religious chapel, its supposed to have a religious affiliation.

♦ Nate Fox, junior



It is an integral part of a historical structure. I'm an atheist, but it's... a historic structure, so it should stay.

♦ Rob Simmons, senior



I think it is good, because they do use it for non-denominational services. It won't offend anyone.

♦ Connor Horne, freshman



It makes it more welcoming to the campus community as a whole.

♦ Anne Maynard, junior

— photos and interviews by Virginia Newton

Homecoming Ahoy



IRENE ROJAS • THE FLAT HAT
Members of Gamma Phi Beta sorority and Theta Delta Chi fraternity ride their Homecoming float in the Homecoming parade last Saturday morning before the football game as alumni returned to campus.

SA allocates money to put sanitizers in dining halls

By Morgan Figa
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The Student Assembly passed a bill to put hand sanitizers in dining halls, a bill to clarify the student handbook and a bill to provide breakfast for individuals attending the Youth Energy Summit this weekend. The senate also passed two referenda that will be on SIN for students to complete.

The Prevention of Illness Act, which the SA passed, allocates \$382.51 out of the Consolidated SA Reserve Fund for purchasing large hand sanitizer machines for the Commons, the University Center dinning hall, the Marketplace, Lodge 1 and the Dodge Room.

The bill’s sponsor, Senate Chair Scott Fitzgerald, a senior, said that the goal of the machines is to help stop the spread of illness. The hand sainitzers have a laser inside that senses heat when people place their hands under the sensor and gives one milliliter of solution. Fitzgerald added that the sanitizing solution used is 30 times more effective than soap and three times better than the Purel solution.

Fitzgerald first proposed the bill in September, but said that in light of the recent outbreak of Norovirus on campus, the sanitizer is extremely useful.

“[The sanitizers] were proved to stop 85 percent of Norovirus on cruiseships,” Fitzgerald said. “I wish we had them in place before the Norovirus outbreak. I encourage all students to use them.”

The SA also passed the Anti-Self-Incrimination Clarification Act, 19-0-0. The act attempts to clarify a phrase in the student handbook that reads, “a student may choose not to answer a question that may incriminate him or her, and if so, must so state.”

Senator Matt Beato, a sophomore, said that the phrasing was ini-

tially intended to mean that students could refuse to answer questions that would provide evidence in a federal, state or local court, but also College judicial action.

Beato said that this initial usage had been changed to mean that students may only refuse to answer questions that would incriminate them in a legal sense, but had to answer questions if they pertained to breaking College judical rules.

“They cannot change the meaning of the handbook year to year,” Beato said. “Frankly, the definition they are now using is not what it means to most students.”

Fitzgerald echoed this sentiment. He said that he felt that the current interpretation is different than what those who drafted the conduct code meant. “Right now, if you don’t answer a question, you are written up as failure to comply. We need to make a huge deal out of this. It’s absurd,” he said.

The bill asks that the wording in the Student Handbook be clarified.

“I think the intention, as I’ve

heard it interpreted by our legal counsel, refers to the Fifth Amendment or the right not incriminate oneself,” Patricia Volp, the dean of students, said.

Vice President of Student Affairs Sam Sadler said that he had spoken with three senators about the issue of interpreting the wording and was in the process of trying to “sort things out.”

The SA also passed a bill that will give \$400 to help provide breakfast for individuals attending the Youth Energy Summit held at the College this weekend.

Senator Zach Pilchen, a sophomore, sponsored the bill and felt it was important for the SA to show support for the conference.

“The school spends an exorbitant amount on energy use. We spent \$8 million a year to keep the lights on. This is the largest conference of its type ever, and it is important to support it because it will help in the future,” he said.

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JONATHEN SEIDEN • THE FLAT HAT
Tuesday, Student Assembly members passed bills placing hand sanitizers in dining halls and also voted to reanalyze the student handbook.

Law restricts online gaming

Gambling ban has some students looking for loopholes

By Maxim Lott
Flat Hat Insight Editor

Added in the middle of the night as an amendment to the Port Security Bill, the online gambling ban was signed into law by President George W. Bush Oct. 13. Although online gambling was already illegal in many states, there were few provisions for enforcement, and the law was rarely used, according to an Oct. 8 article in the Financial Times. The new bill strictly prohibits banks and credit card companies from transferring money to online gambling sites, even if those sites are based overseas.

While many Congressmen and commentators were worried that loopholes would exist even after the new ban, drops in the stock prices of foreign online gambling companies of as much as 75 percent, as reported by the Times of London, indicate that the law will have real effects.

Nearly 10 percent of all U.S. college students gamble in online

card games once a month or more, says a 2005 poll released by the University of Pennsylvania’s Annenberg Public Policy Center.

One College junior, who preferred not to be named, said that he had made about \$2,500 gambling online, and at one point had a net gain of more than \$10,000. He pointed out that hands could be played much faster online, which made playing riskier.

“I personally don’t feel that I am addicted to it, but I could see how it can be addicting,” he said. “There still is 24-hour, 7-day a week access to it, and in the past it’s only taken a few clicks of the mouse to transfer funds from your bank account onto an online poker account.”

Although the student referenced a website that still allows Americans to transfer money into online gambling websites, he added that he did not plan on betting online “until there is some resolution that recognizes poker as a game of skill and exempts online poker from the bill. I just don’t feel safe putting my funds online anymore.”

The bill has an inclusive definition of gambling, defining a bet as “risking by any person of some-

thing of value upon the outcome of a contest of others, a sporting event, or a game subject to chance.” Exemptions are made for betting on horse races, as well as futures and securities trading.

Because the law is so far untried in court, there has been confusion about exactly what is legal. The Iowa Electronic Markets, a University of Iowa-based website that hosts betting on election outcomes, said in an e-mail, “We have asked our University attorneys for clarification on the implications of the new Internet Gambling Law. To date, we have not received a negative report from them.”

Tradesports.com, a widely-used gambling service that includes gambling on poker as well as sports and elections, said in an e-mail that some banks were still transferring funds to them but that others were not.

Banning online gambling has had bipartisan support, and the House of Representatives passed the bill 317 to 93. Republican Virginia senator George Allen favors the ban and his challenger, Democrat Jim Webb, has not responded to a question about what he would have done.

Student reports sexual assault

By Austin Wright
Flat Hat Asst. News Editor

A female College student reported that she was sexually assaulted by a stranger at the intersection of Scotland and Prince George streets Oct. 28 around 10:30 p.m.

According to Williamsburg Police Department Deputy Chief Dave Sloggie, the student said a man approached her and asked how to get to campus. When she replied, he reached into her blouse and grabbed her breast. She screamed and ran toward the College Delly, where her boyfriend was.

Sloggie said she described the man as a 28-35 year-old white male around 5 feet 7 inches tall and of medium build. She said he was clean shaven, had short brown hair and was wearing a long-sleeved white shirt, shorts and running shoes.

She did not report the assault until 4 p.m. the next day.

Sloggie said the investigation may have been easier if she had reported it immediately because police could have searched for a man wearing shorts on such a cold night.

He asked that students who have information that could aid the investigation call 1-888-LOCK-U-UP or the Williamsburg Police Department.

Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler sent an e-mail to students Monday expressing his concern and saying that he had spoken with the student.

“The good news is that she is fine, but the incident is disturbing to say the least,” he wrote. “I know you are as relieved as I am to learn that our student was not injured — but she might have been. This incident is a reminder that, even in a city as safe as Williamsburg, there are those who will prey on others.”

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Students protest NCAA logo decision

Student group hands out 25,000 feathers at football game to protest ‘political correctness run amok’

BY MILES HILDER
FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

The College student organization Young Americans for Freedom bought and distributed 25,000 feathers during the Tribe’s homecoming football game at Zable Stadium Saturday. The feather distribution was a protest of the National Collegiate

Athletic Association’s ruling that the two feathers in the College’s logo create an “offensive environment” and must be phased out by the 2007 athletic season.
“This is political correctness run amok,” junior Joe Luppino-Esposito said. “Two feathers are not offensive, and anyone who thinks so should not be taken seriously.”

Luppino-Esposito is a YAF board member and feels that the organization’s protest was justified even though College President Gene Nichol and his board have already made the decision to abide by the NCAA’s request.
“Our purpose is not against Gene Nichol, but rather the NCAA, because their practices are unfair,” Luppino-Esposito said. “We want to send the message to the NCAA that no matter what they force us to do with our logo, students can come and purchase feathers any time. There is no way we can be stopped.”
Most students and alumni accepted the feathers and sported them as the Tribe battled Villanova University. In addition to the YAF’s efforts, some students and alumni showed up in full Native American head-


dress or brought their own feathers to the game.
Some protesters said there was hypocrisy in the NCAA’s rulings regarding other universities. While the “Fighting Sioux” nickname at the University of North Dakota and the feathers on the Tribe logo have been outlawed, schools like Florida State have been allowed to keep their Native American-related nicknames, logos and mascots.
“When you see what the NCAA has allowed at Florida State, there isn’t a good reason for them to outlaw our feathers,” senior and YAF president Will Coggin said. “We are supposed to act like we are thankful that they did not get rid of our nickname. They do not have the right to take us out of the playoffs for our logo. It’s just wrong.”

Had the College decided to further challenge the NCAA’s decision, Tribe athletics would have been banned from hosting playoff contests. This sanction and the amount of time and resources that would have been devoted to a long legal battle convinced Nichol and the rest of the College leadership that complying with the NCAA was in the best interest of the school.
Regardless, members of YAF still feel they must stand up for the College and its students.
“Just because we can’t have [the feathers] on the field doesn’t mean that’s what the students want,” Luppino-Esposito said. “The NCAA should be looking at what the students want and what the demand is, instead of making up their own ridiculous rules against us.”

Webb rallies local support

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accused of making racial slurs toward a Univeristy of Virginia student and Webb supporter. Allen referred to the man of Indian ancestry as “macaca” at a rally Aug. 11.
Webb insisted, however, that Allen’s comment was not the only cause of his surge in the polls.
“[The lead in polls] isn’t simply due to George Allen’s mistakes,” Webb said. “The turning point for us really was on the Russet Show,” he added, referring to his Sept. 17 nationally televised debate with George Allen on NBC’s “Meet the Press.”
“From that point forward we got \$130,000 in unsolicited internet donations,” he added.
Webb also outlined the initiatives of his campaign, noting the importance of the campaign not only in Virginia, but on a national scale, and calling out to disillusioned voters from both parties.
“This [election] is a referendum on the Bush administration,” Webb said. We know, and I know, that there are many people who lost their faith in both political parties and are looking for a place to come back to.”
After the event, Webb posed for a photograph with the College’s Young Democrats.
Walsh said that he was happy with the turnout and the enthusiasm of the crowd.
“The event went beyond our wildest imagination,” he said. “It was an obvious showing of the momentum for the Webb campaign going into Tuesday.”



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SA asks for vote

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Senator Will Coggin, a senior, proposed a bill that was sent to the Student Life Committee entitled the Wren Chapel Protection Act. The bill asks College President Gene Nichol to have the cross returned to Wren Chapel permanently.
“The cross is a symbol of openness and tolerance, and I think some students found it insulting that it was moved,” he said.
The SA also passed two student referendums that will appear on the Student Information Network. One referendum, sponsored by Coggin, asks students if they would support an increase of fees to hire new Chinese professors. The other, sponsored by Senators Walter McClean, a sophomore, and Sarah Rojas, a freshman, asks if the Health Center should be open on weekends, even if it means an increase in user fees.

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BusinessWeek Magazine Names Enterprise Rent-A-Car Among Top Five Places to Launch a Career

Recognition builds on company's strong rankings by other leading sources – Princeton Review, Collegegrad.com, and Diverse: Issues in Higher Education

ST. LOUIS, October 17, 2006 – Ready to graduate? Sure. Robe? Check. Course requirements? Check. Future? Uh oh.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car, North America's largest rental car company, has again been listed as one of the best places college graduates and young professionals can turn to for a promising career. The company recently earned the No. 5 spot on BusinessWeek's inaugural list of "Best Places to Launch a Career."

BusinessWeek used three sources of data – a survey of career services directors, a survey of employers, and a student survey conducted by Universum Communications, a market-research firm based in Philadelphia – to develop its rankings.

"It's a great honor to be on the BusinessWeek list and we thank everyone involved for supporting our business and employees," said Marie Artim, assistant vice president, recruiting at Enterprise. "We especially appreciate the fact that career services directors surveyed ranked Enterprise as the No. 1 employer for entry-level workers."

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"The College of William & Mary has been a great place for Enterprise to find employees who want to learn to run a business from the ground up", Raphaela Kamholtz, local recruiter for Enterprise said, "We're a company that believes in training and developing employees to become the future of our business."

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Other recent recognition for Enterprise includes being named the No. 1 entry-level employer by CollegeGrad.com, being featured in the 2007 Princeton Review book as a best company for entry-level jobs, and the No. 1 spot on Diverse: Issues in Higher Education's list of "Top 30 National Firms Most Effective at Diversity Recruiting."

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Cross removed from altar

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Student Assembly Sen. Will Coggin, a senior, introduced a bill providing for the permanent placement of the cross on the altar at the Oct. 31 Student Assembly meeting. (See SA, page 3, for full story).

“This bill came about because what Gene Nichol did was wrong and his actions devalue the Chapel’s history as well as its integrity in favor of political correctness,” Coggin said. “The aim of this bill is to rally support for the Chapel, its history and its role as a place of worship.”

The bill argues that non-Christians have other places to worship on campus, the cross is an integral part of the chapel’s history and that 70 percent of students at the College are Christian according to a survey. It also asks for tables in the University Center at which students can

sign petitions. The bill will not be up for debate until a later date.

“The loss of a symbol of this significance in the Christian community, especially in the chapel setting, is disappointing,” said Bruce West of Campus Crusade for Christ. “We don’t think that the College should endorse any particular religion nor would we want it to. Though it may be that much thought has gone into this decision, the sudden removal of the cross from the Chapel makes it feel like the College is resigned to political correctness with no thought for history, tradition or the contribution of faith in a well-rounded academic community.”

The cross is about 18 inches high and belongs to Bruton Parish Church. It was there until its renovation, when the church received a new cross around the 1920’s, ac-

ording to an estimate by Executive Director of Historic Campus Louise Kale.

“It is important to note that it is a table cross,” Kale said. “I think a lot of Christian organizations are envisioning it as part of the architecture of the chapel, while it is really a brass table cross.”

Kale anticipates that it will be put out reasonably often. A group of Episcopalian students will be using it once a week, she said and it will always be available upon request.

The issue provided fodder for debate in the online blogosphere, where conservative blogs such as MichelleMalkin.com and World-NetDaily.com reported critically on the story. The story was also picked up by the Daily Press, the Associated Press, the Richmond Times Dispatch and the Christian Broadcasting Network.

Paper claims that College underreports crime stats

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be proven must be classified as a burglary. If the area entered was one of open access, thefts from the area would not involve an unlawful trespass and would be classified as Larceny ... If a person, other than a resident, enters an unlocked structure (room), or one where the door was left open, the proper classification would be burglary.”

For example, a laptop stolen from a dormitory room would be classified as burglary, while a larceny would be recorded if the same laptop were stolen from the library.

Sadler said that the College was

faithful to Clery regulations and accused the Journal article of implying that the College was falsifying crime records. “We have no reason to skew the data. I get frustrated with innuendo and vague reference,” he said. “If you read that carefully, they’re not making allegations, they’re putting this out there and saying, ‘Does this make sense?’ We have no reason to believe that anyone here is being unfaithful.”

In addition, Sadler said that, to his knowledge, the Wall Street Journal had not attempted to talk with anyone from the College on the subject, despite the article saying that school officials declined to comment.

He noted that the College has never been cited for non-compliance with any crime reporting laws and pointed to the lone instance of murder on the College’s police department’s online crime statistics.

According to Sadler, the murder occurred on property adjacent to the College’s Newport News facility and involved no College students or staff.

“Even though it didn’t involve William and Mary, we reported it. It shows how faithful we are to this,” he said. “If I were [them], I’d be asking myself if institutions of the quality they’re talking about would intentionally change police data.”

Alum in tough House fight

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margin of 20 points.

While Chabot is the only College alum incumbent in a toss up race, U.S. Rep. Alan Mollohan, ’66, (D-West Virginia) has had problems of his own.

The Representative from West Virginia’s first House district for 24 years, Mollohan will likely face the toughest challenge of his career Tuesday, when he faces Republican West Virginia Delegate Chris Wakim.

Though the race may be closer than in the past, and National Journal once ranked Mollohan as one of the most vulnerable Democratic incumbents, Mollohan is now viewed as a relatively safe incumbent.

His election problems stem from an ethics scandal that developed earlier this year. The Washington Post reported that Mollohan has been accused of funneling millions of dollars in earmarks to non-profit charities he helped start, while his personal wealth ballooned from about \$500,000 to well over \$6 million in a little under four years

The scandal cost Mollohan his post on the House Ethics Committee and the FBI has opened an investigation, according to an article published this month by the Associated Press.

Wakim has also been faced with a scandal. Wakim claimed to be a Gulf War veteran, when he in fact served on a base in Massachusetts during the entirety of the war.

He also claimed to have earned a Masters in public policy from Harvard University when the actual degree was a Masters of liberal arts.

Though supported by the Republican National Committee, Senator John McCain and others, Wakim remains behind in the fundraising battle.

According to the Associated Press, as of Sept. 30, he had raised only \$600,000 compared to the \$1.1 million raised by Mollohan’s campaign.

Eric Cantor, J.D. ’98, (R-Virginia), is considered a safe incumbent. Cantor represents Virginia’s seventh District, which includes his hometown of Richmond.

Before getting his law degree at the College, he earned his bachelor’s degree at Washington, D.C.’s George Washington University.

After just one term in the House, Cantor was named Chief Deputy Whip in 2002, making him the fourth-ranked House member. He sits on the powerful House Ways and Means Commission.

He is widely expected to keep his seat this election.



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♦ CHANGING AUTUMN LEAVES PROVIDE NOURISHMENT, BEAUTY

By KATE PRENGAMAN
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Living in a temperate climate, we often take the seasons for granted. Winter melts to spring, spring blooms into summer and summer fades into fall. The temperature cools, the plants die and everything slows down a little bit, preparing to ease into winter. But there is nothing fading or wintry about the bright, colorful display that the trees are starting to put on everywhere.

Here in Virginia, leaves turn brilliant colors before they fall to the ground, a process so distinctive that we named the whole season after it. But why the display before the disposal?

Leaves are maintained in their traditional green all summer by the constant production of the pigment chlorophyll. Absorbing light from the red and blue parts of the spectrum, these pigments use the sun's energy to convert carbon dioxide into sugar, the cornerstone of photosynthesis. But, according to the U.S. Forest Service, as the nights get longer and the air cools, trees stop producing new chlorophyll because it is no longer energy efficient to maintain high levels of pigments when the light available for photosynthesis decreases. The pigment itself becomes less stable in the cooler temperatures.

But chlorophyll isn't the only photosynthetic pigment around. Leaves also contain carotenoids that absorb light from the blue to blue-green parts of the light spectrum. Much more stable than the summer-dominant greens, these carotene pigments continue to photosynthesize through the cooler temperatures. Without the showy chlorophyll to outdo them, these yellow carotenes shine through in the fall.

However, a quick look outside soon reveals that all the leaves aren't yellow; there are shades of red to be found as well. The red to purple leaf colors are a result of a third class of pigments called anthocyanins, which photosynthesize using light in the blue-green to green wavelengths. Although sometimes present at low levels during the summer, according to the University of Wisconsin chemistry department, anthocyanin production often increases in the fall. Production occurs as the tree begins to shut down transport to and from the leaves, and the sugars produced by the remaining pigments in the leaf build up in the leaf tissues.

Why does the tree go through all the work of slowly shutting down its leaves, changing pigments and transports, when it's just going to drop them anyway? The answer is that the leaves contain a lot of important, reusable compounds that the tree doesn't want to waste. So, luckily for us spectators, it is more efficient to spend extra energy on a complicated deterioration that recycles those key compounds than to start production at square one the next year.

The colors on display are dependent on the type of tree species and particular seasonal weather conditions. The U.S. Forest Service says on its website that "[Oak trees] turn red, brown, or russet; hickories, golden bronze; aspen and yellow-poplar, golden yellow; dogwood, purplish red; beech, light tan; and sourwood and black tupelo, crimson. Maples differ species by species: red maple turns brilliant scarlet; sugar maple, orange-red; and black maple, glowing yellow." Around Williamsburg, some trees turn color early, like sourwood and black gum, while the others remain green. The red tones can vary dramatically from species to species because the anthocyanin pigments are affected by pH, so the cells' internal chemistry controls the leaves' external display.

Connoisseurs of these fall colors contend that some years the display is better than others. A warm fall can slow down the processes, leading to a less impressive color show, as can the lingering effects of a dry summer. The ideal conditions include a wet summer, followed by a crisp, sunny fall with cool nights. On particularly impressive years, people have been known to travel quite a distance to find the best show; Virginia's own Blue Ridge Parkway is known nationwide as a popular tree-viewing destination.



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Before they fall, leaves provide nutritional compounds that trees use during the autumn months.

World Beat: Brazil Incumbent wins election

By ALEXANDRA COCHRANE
THE FLAT HAT

Last Saturday, Luiz Inacio De Silva was elected to his second four-year term as the president of Brazil. Left-leaning De Silva grew up in the northeast region of Brazil and was the president of the Steel Workers' Union. He unsuccessfully ran for president of Brazil in 1994 and 1998 and was elected to his first term in October of 2002.

Over 125 million voted in the election, and de Silva expressed gratitude to his supporters in a speech following the news of his victory.

"The foundation is in place, and now we have to work," de Silva said.

"The people felt that their lives

ponent Geraldo Alckmin, who had allegedly planned to discontinue de Silva's welfare program if elected, according to the Oct. 29 online edition of the BBC News. Alckmin, a center-right politician, resigned his governorship of Sao Paulo in order to be an eligible presidential candidate. Nationwide voting ended with de Silva winning 61 percent of the votes, and Alckmin taking 39 percent.

De Silva was embroiled in numerous scandals before the election.

According to the Oct. 30 online edition of CNN, de Silva was not connected personally to the scandals. His Workers' party, however, has been under scrutiny for the past two years, charged with buying votes and illegal fundraising. Inves-

He stresses the importance of foreign investment, and he is also dedicated to putting money into scholarships, welfare and land reform. His main objective is to minimize the gap between the rich and poor. Problems could arise when he tries to push ideas through the Congress, where he has less influence than he does with the voting population.

According to the Oct. 31 online edition of the Associated Press, Brazil's disjointed government will make de Silva's efforts difficult, especially his initiatives for reducing poverty and expanding the economy. Reforms to the tax, social security and political systems may prove difficult to pass through a heavily divided congress.

"[Silva will] have to negotiate more, and better distribute the cabi-

SITUATION: BRAZIL

Luiz Inacio de Silva was elected to a second term as Brazil's president Saturday. Over 125 million Brazilians voted; de Silva collected the most votes from the Southeast and his home region in the Northeast, where he also enacted a welfare benefit program. The left-leaning politician won with 61 percent of the vote, defeating center-right politician Geraldo Alckmin, who finished with 39 percent. De Silva is the former president of the Steel Workers' Union. He faced scandals before the election including one connected with the Workers' Party, though none involved him directly. He will most likely face difficulty achieving his goals — such as reducing the gap between the rich and poor and putting money into scholarships, welfare and land reform — given Brazil's divided Congress and the fact that he has less influence in Congress than with the voters. U.S. President George W. Bush congratulated de Silva on his victory Tuesday. Brazil is one of America's most important trading partners in South America.

have got better. There is no contest to this. Because the people felt it on their plates, on the table, in their pockets."

De Silva's main bases of support came from the Northeast, where he grew up, and the Southeast regions of Brazil, according to the Oct. 31 online edition of BBC news.

De Silva enacted a welfare benefit program in the Northeast that contributed to his 67 percent win in the first round of elections and 77 percent win in the second round. He gained votes from the eliminated candidates and from op-

tigations into the party's conduct are ongoing. Recently, the Workers' Party was accused of spending over \$700,000 illegally to find incriminating information about de Silva's opponents.

The recent scandal was a contributing factor in de Silva's failure to win a majority vote during the first round of elections.

De Silva has been praised for lowering inflation and prices of certain goods, but he is still criticized for Brazil's high unemployment rate and for not participating in Free Trade Area of the Americas talks.

net seats," University of Brasilia political scientist David Fleischer said.

Despite such setbacks, Brazilian officials said that de Silva will attempt to follow through on all of his promises.

"There will be a change of emphasis from the first term, not a change in policy," Finance Minister Guido Mantega said. "In the first term, it was necessary to bring the economy into equilibrium. Now that we've done that, we will push on to the next phase of more intense growth and job creation."



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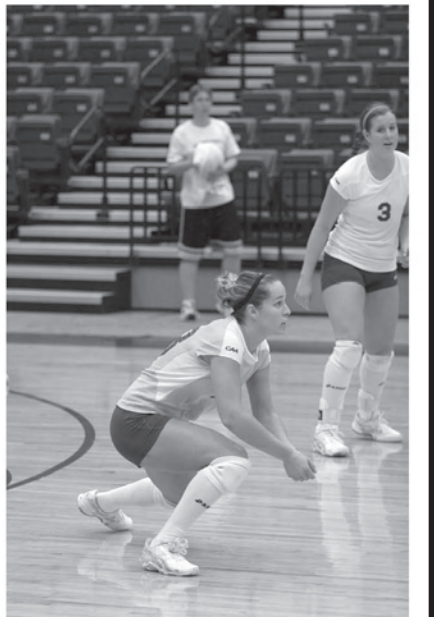
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In Business and Finance

Are Higher Taxes In the Offing?

Republicans' 11th-hour campaign strategy includes stirring fears of a Democratic tax increase. But a big increase would be unlikely under a Democratic Congress, at least over the next two years.

In part, that is because Democratic leaders have limited their options by repudiating proposals once popular in the party, like boosting taxes on the rich and on investments. Democrats also would be hemmed in by moderate members in the party that they recruited to pick up seats in Republican-leaning districts. President Bush also likely would veto any such proposals.

That isn't to say that Democrats don't want to make changes in tax policy if they win a majority in the House or Senate, or that their influence won't be felt. They likely would block any attempts to extend estate-tax relief after 2010. And they have said they would push for higher taxes on corporations, particularly oil companies, by eliminating breaks and urging a crackdown on "loopholes."

Democrats say they would also likely try to steer any new revenue toward paying for extending tax breaks aimed at lower and middle-income families, like a child credit, the 10% rate for low-income families; and toward relief from the so-called marriage penalty—a set of provisions that can cause people who are married to pay more in tax than if they were single.

Ford Cuts Cause Ripples in Sector

Ford Motor's plan to cut North American production as much as 12% in the first half of next year signals that Detroit's Big Three auto makers—as well as their many suppliers—could face headwinds in 2007 despite industry cost-cutting efforts.

Meanwhile, as a fresh sign of the ripples the auto makers could send across the manufacturing belt with further production cuts, Dura Automotive Systems became the latest auto-parts supplier to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy-court protection.

The separate developments highlight the continuing pain faced by General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, amid signs of a slowing economy.

Ford's projected first-half 2007 cuts come on top of a 21% production cut planned for the current quarter. GM and Chrysler also have slashed current quarter production. The companies haven't yet announced 2007 production plans.

Time Docks Flagship In Web Backwater

Time Inc., which has veered from one Internet initiative to another in a quest to figure out how to make money on the Web, recently settled on a new Internet strategy—one in which its flagship publication, Time magazine, does not play a major role.

The new plan concentrates resources on Sports Illustrated, People and the company's business magazines—the titles seen as having the most online growth potential.

"We are feeding the big guys more because they are making more money right now," says Time Inc. Chief Operating Officer John Squires, who emphasizes Time magazine will continue to get online investment. But several senior Time Inc. executives say Time, along with InStyle and Real Simple, ranks as "second-tier" for Web investment.

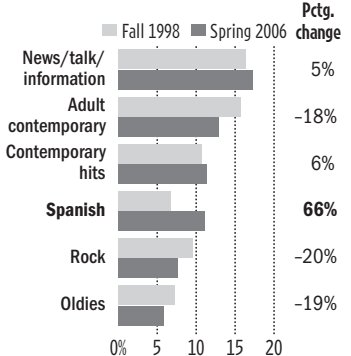
Time magazine's Web site draws more traffic than People's. But its potential to draw significant online advertising is limited by its broad appeal, company executives say. In contrast, People's audience is largely female, and SI and Fortune serve targeted audiences, which is what advertisers want.

Burger King, KFC May Drop Trans Fat

Burger King said it hopes to begin testing trans-fat-free cooking in some restaurants within 90 days.

Ethnic Movement

Spanish-language and other ethnic radio programming is gaining in popularity. Share of all radio listening in the U.S., by format:



Note: Figures combine the audience size, ages 12 and up, with the amount of time each listener tunes in, between 6 a.m. and midnight.

Source: Arbitron

The announcement came just after KFC said it hopes to be frying chicken in oil without trans fat in all its 5,500 U.S. restaurants by April.

Burger King's North America president, Chuck Fallon, sent a note to franchisees saying that the hamburger chain had been working to identify an alternative to trans fat for the past two years. He didn't indicate what substances the hamburger chain might use for cooking french fries and some chicken products. KFC said it is switching from a soy-based shortening to a trans-fat-free soy oil that would also be available to others in the business.

The move by Burger King is likely to add pressure on archrival McDonald's to take similar steps. Earlier this year, Wendy's said it was switching to trans-fat-free cooking in its U.S. restaurants.

Older Consoles Lift Game Makers

The buzz in videogames is all about new hardware, including the imminent launch of Sony's PlayStation 3 and Nintendo's Wii consoles, along with the prospects for Microsoft's Xbox 360 in its sophomore holiday season.

The biggest money in games, though, is coming from older, less sexy machines such as Sony's PlayStation 2, which has been out for six years, and the Nintendo DS portable console, out for two years.

Wall Street analysts have become more bullish on the videogame sector in recent months because of unexpectedly strong sales of software for older consoles. Many publishers posted weak sales late last year and early this year, a side effect of the current transition to new consoles, causing consumers to curb spending on games until they get their hands on new machines.

PS2 game sales, meanwhile, are doing well in part because Sony earlier this year dropped the price of the console to \$129 from \$149, a move that appears to have attracted a lot of new game buyers. In fact, the PS2 is out-selling the Xbox 360, even though it is a far less advanced machine.

Odds & Ends

A U.N. agency said most industrial nations continue to increase their emissions of carbon dioxide and other so-called greenhouse gases thought to be warming the Earth's atmosphere, despite pledges under the Kyoto Protocol during the next six years to make a 5% cut. ... Average daily circulation of 770 newspapers reporting results to the Audit Bureau of Circulations dropped 2.8% on a year-to-year basis during the six months ended Sept. 30, the latest confirmation of the difficulties facing the newspaper industry as readers flock to the Web and other outlets for news.

By Jay Hershey

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Some Users Renounce Social Sites

Creepy Contacts, Spam Come With Success Of Web Networking

BY VAUHINI VARA
Social-networking Web sites like MySpace.com and Facebook.com have helped link millions of friends. But now they have a new enemy: 20-year-old Jenny Thompson.

After Ms. Thompson created a MySpace page two years ago, she found herself sifting through dozens of requests daily from would-be acquaintances seeking to link to her page. By early this year, she'd amassed 4,000 such "friends," most of them strangers. Many flooded her page with remarks like "omg"—shorthand for "oh my god"—"you're so beautiful." By June, Ms. Thompson, who resides in New London, Conn., was sick of the comments and posted a farewell ode before deleting her page:

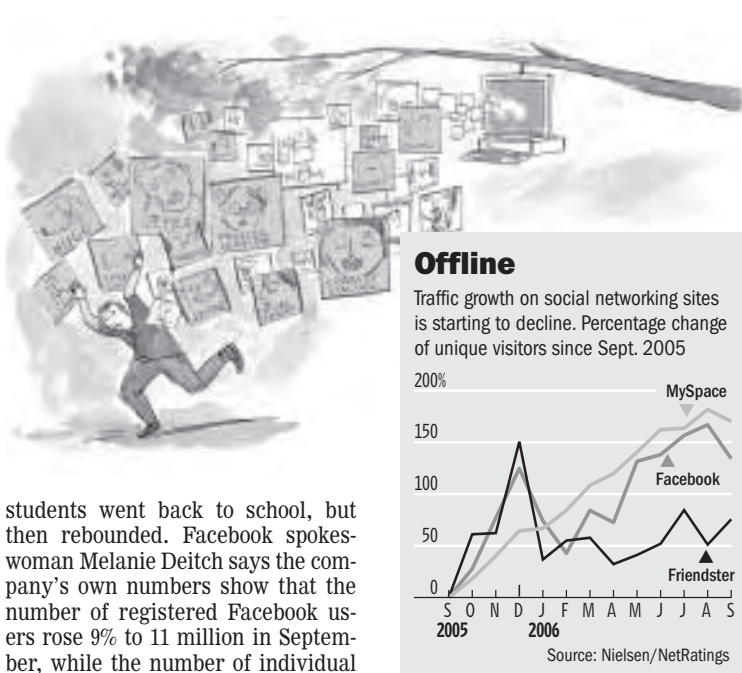
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I've always hated you.
I just never had what it took to leave"*

Ms. Thompson belongs to a fringe of Internet users now renouncing MySpace and other social-networking sites — not in spite of their popularity, but because of it. That highlights a dilemma facing News Corp.'s MySpace and Facebook: While it takes a critical mass of users to make these sites work, having too many users alienates some, especially when they attract an ever-growing cacophony of advertising and in some cases, spam.

Losing Ground

Both MySpace and Facebook lost visitors in September, according to Nielsen/NetRatings, a Web-tracking service. The number of unique U.S. visitors at MySpace fell 4% to 47.2 million from 49.2 million in August, and the number of visitors to Facebook fell 12% to 7.8 million from 8.9 million.

Charles Buchwalter, an analyst at Nielsen/NetRatings, says the slowdown is seasonal; last September, both sites also lost visitors as



know offline through friend requests—has turned off some users, like 19-year-old Julie Miller. Ms. Miller, a sophomore at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo., dropped Facebook earlier this year after a few sketchy experiences left her feeling uneasy.

One day after dinner, for instance, a fellow student approached her outside her dining hall and asked for her number. She dodged the question, but by the time she walked back to her dorm, the student had already found her on Facebook and tried to add her as a friend. Ms. Miller says it made her feel uncomfortable that a near-stranger could track her down so easily and so quickly, thanks to Facebook. (The man knew her name and would have been able to search for her on the site.) The experience was "really creepy," Ms. Miller says.

Facebook's Ms. Deitch points out that the site still has privacy controls that hide users' personal information from the vast majority of strangers.

Slowing Traffic

The loss in unique visitors comes on top of several months of slower growth for both sites. Traffic to MySpace inched up 3.1% in the most recent three-month period ended in September, compared with a 45% jump in the same three-month period a year ago, according to Nielsen/NetRatings. Facebook's traffic fell 1.7% in that period, compared with 11% growth a year ago.

Some slowdown is to be expected for any large site that may have reached saturation in the U.S. A site like Yahoo's, for instance, sees fairly steady traffic month-over-month but not much growth.

Advertisers and big Web players seem as enthusiastic as ever about social-networking sites. Google in August agreed to deliver at least \$900 million in ad revenue over 3½ years to News Corp. for the right to broker advertising that appears on MySpace and some other sites. Microsoft also recently struck a deal to be the exclusive provider of advertising to Facebook, under terms that weren't disclosed.

Julia Angwin contributed to this article.

Baseball Shrugs Off Postseason

BY ADAM THOMPSON
The World Series this year between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Detroit Tigers set a new low in television viewership for the Fall Classic—down about 8% from last season, the fourth low since 2000.

But baseball is shrugging off the poor ratings, because so many other parts of its business are thriving. "Sponsorship is up. Licensing is up. International is up. Internet revenues are up," said Bob DuPuy, Major League Baseball's president and chief operating officer. "The clubs have been extraordinarily creative in creating new revenue streams."

Indeed, MLB players and owners announced a smoothly reached collective bargaining agreement several weeks ahead of the old pact's expiration. All parties pointed to prosperity: MLB generated a record \$5.2 billion in revenue this year on the strength of another high—76 million ticket-buying fans. There was so much money to go around that the owners seemed almost pleased to share the spoils with their powerful union antagonists.

The lack of postseason interest at a national level, compared with the financial success being achieved by individual teams, suggests that baseball is becoming increasingly regional, and might be developing an economic model that can thrive even as its national footprint becomes shallower. Ticket sales accounted for the largest portion of the \$5.2 billion pie, about 38%. Three-fourths of the overall revenue comes from local streams—from sources including concessions and regional cable networks—while national broadcasting accounted for nearly 19%, only slightly more than local TV and radio, MLB said. By comparison, virtually all of the National Football League's television money is national, while the National Basketball Association's TV pot is about double nationally what it is locally.

Baseball appears to be doing fine with its hard-core local fans, but is having a harder time getting people to think outside their favorite teams, at least during October, when the stakes are highest for partner networks. In recognition of this, MLB's playoff ads this year featured former Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda beseeching fans of eliminated teams to keep watching baseball.

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OPINIONS

STAFF EDITORIAL

Radical referendum

Tuesday, the student assembly passed bills calling for students to vote on several referenda. One of them, the Chinese Referendum Act, asks student to vote on the question: “Would you support increasing student fees by \$15 to hire new Chinese professors to respond to increasing student demand?”

While the Chinese department could certainly use more resources, asking students to provide these funds, and asking them through a web-based referendum, is a dangerous precedent which opens up the student assembly to requests from every group that cannot receive sufficient funding through traditional channels.

Chinese majors at the College could undoubtedly use more money and professors. For all of the reasons stated in the bill and in Helen Wong’s opinion piece on this page — the growing importance of China on the world stage, the increased enrollment in Chinese classes at the College — Chinese is a major that the College can not afford to lose. However, while working within the financial constraints imposed on a public college, it is inevitable that every department will feel the pinch of a too-tight budget.

As Gene Nichol said in a recent e-mail, an important part of governing is setting priorities. Setting priorities at the College, with over 7,000 students and a \$200 million budget, is a complex, full-time job. Asking students to vote on these priorities can be a valuable way to gauge student opinion, but the student assembly must recognize the limits of this approach. Students don’t have the time, information or willingness to fully research and thoughtfully evaluate every proposal that could be put before them. Making the best decision from a set of complicated choices requires time and focus. Student body opinion should always guide these decisions, but the nitty gritty of policy negotiations and budget processes should be handled by our full time

student assembly members and administrators. The Chinese Referendum Act, which asks students to elevate the interests of one department above all of the other priorities at the College, poses the kind of question that is best solved by careful research and consideration instead of the snap judgement of whichever students choose to login to SIN on a Friday afternoon. Furthermore, the majority of students have little interest in the minutiae of student government — except for the Chinese majors who would be directly affected. These students will be sure to vote while most other students have little incentive to go to the polls, skewing the results and creating a false impression of student opinion.

The bill to hold the referendum must still be signed by SA President Ryan Scofield; results of this referendum are non-binding and any decision to raise student fees must be approved again by the student assembly before it can go into effect. Several senators have expressed a desire to use the results of a referendum to pressure the administration into funding a larger Chinese department out of general funds instead of raising the student fees. This would be the best use of the referendum and would return the student assembly to its traditional role as an advocate of student interests. However, the intent to use the referendum in this way is anything but clear from the wording of the bill and of the question that will be posted on SIN. Many students will read the bill as we initially did — an under-publicized and binding attempt to drastically increase student fees for the benefit of a minority of students. Whatever the true purpose behind the bill, the SA needs to do a better job of communicating with students and should write its bills so that they say what they mean. Even if the SA can’t send a clear message, students can — vote no to higher fees and meaningless referenda, vote no on the Chinese referendum.

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Demeaned Democrat

Last week, I read with a combination of surprise and confusion Mark Johnson’s column entitled “Righteous Republicans.” Why? In just the first paragraph, he accuses Democrats of being “socialist” and claims that former Republican Congressman Mark Foley is a “respected government official.”

Now, since I consider myself a liberal Democrat and since the columnist is clearly a Republican, I would expect some reasonable differences of opinion. But where does he get the idea that Democrats are socialist? As far as

I know, no mainstream Democrat has ever espoused eliminating private property. And Mark Foley? I don’t think there’s a single elected Republican anywhere who would have the unmitigated gall to back a disgraced congressman credibly accused of pedophilia.

I’m not sure if the columnist is being serious or if this is some kind of satire. I’ll assume for the sake of discussion that the column is not satire and show why the columnist is not just wrong in the first paragraph, but throughout his entire tirade.

The columnist targets Democratic critics of our governing Republicans. He implies the “nay-sayers” are incompetent and asks, “Why didn’t they get elected to public office?” The problem, of course, is that Democrats do hold public office. They hold nearly half of both houses of Congress and they are poised to take control of at least one house in November. Moreover, there are thousands of Democrats in office across the United States at the state and local level. The columnist also falsely claims that it is only the Republicans who “give their lives to public service.” However, one can easily contest the commitment of any career politician to public service.

He next claims that the government gives us our rights and that free speech isn’t supposed to criticize the government. I thought the entire point of free speech was to guarantee the right of the public to criticize the government. Americans seem to think so. John Adams’ “Alien and Sedition Acts” essentially criminalized criticism of the government; they were so unpopular that they were repealed. The Supreme Court has historically given wide deference to free speech critical of the government. In the Western World, rights tend to arise from the people, who legitimize and constrain the government. The assertion that rights arise from the government sounds rather Soviet to me.

The columnist’s misstep there is startling, but he recovers and offers us the salient observation that “guns don’t shoot themselves.” How true! For this reason, he berates liberals for trying to “take away the

constitutional right of citizens to bear arms.” I don’t think there are many liberals in the United States who support a complete arms ban, but many do support restrictions on their ownership. There’s the notion that really violent people shouldn’t own them, including those who would likely kill other people, as the columnist points out. This is why liberals support gun registration, background checks and other safety measures to keep guns out of the wrong hands.

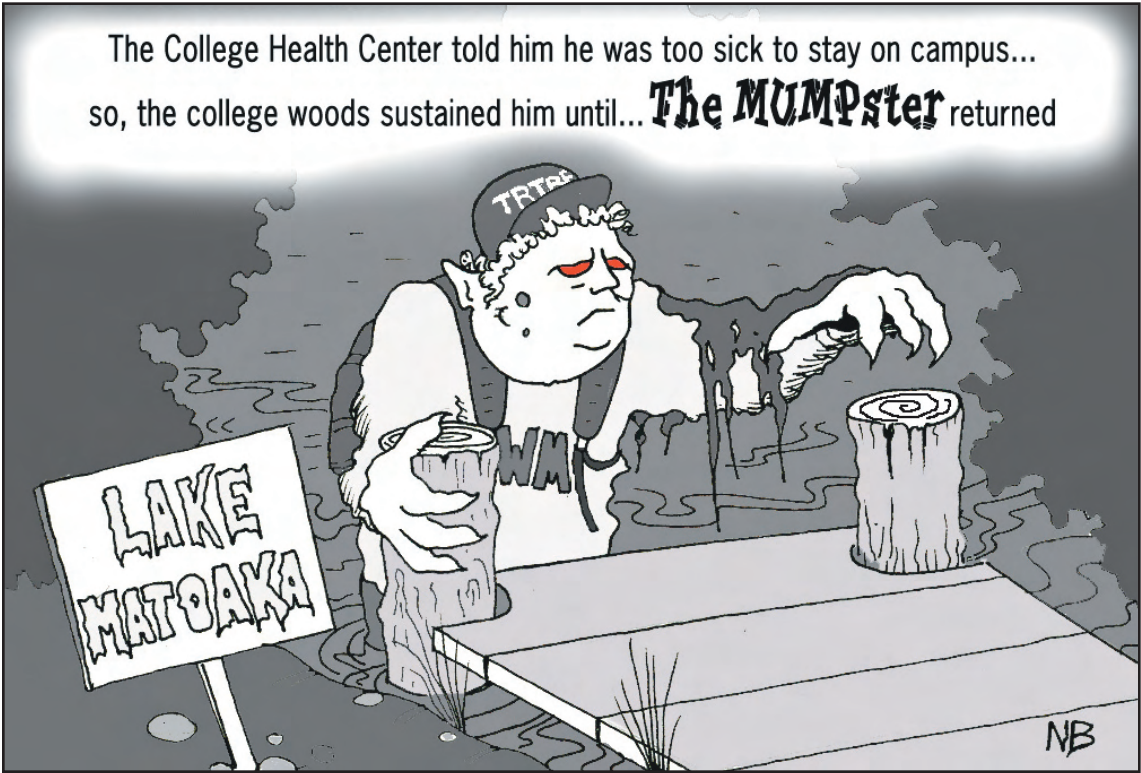
While on the subject of crime, the columnist targets the commitment of liberals to protect the rights of convicted criminals. I don’t think his criticisms of these protections are widely espoused; this is likely because the Eighth Amendment bars “cruel and unusual punishment” and the imposition of “excessive fines.” Liberals aren’t responsible for these provisions; the framers, legislatures, and courts are. The columnist would be well-advised to direct his criticism towards them next time.

The columnist then accuses liberals of wanting the government to give money to people who have chosen to be poor. I sincerely doubt there are many (if any) such people, but liberals usually don’t support hand-outs to just anyone. Welfare is supposed to protect the disadvantaged. While the columnist may have been able to find a job this summer, millions of Americans can’t find steady work. That’s not their fault, and they certainly didn’t “choose” to have these difficulties.

The columnist compensates for his decided lack of compassion for the poor with — surprise! — compassion for the rich. He fears that Democrats will tax wealthy people into oblivion as “a reward for their hard work.” Most rich people, in fact, invest their assets in various markets and pay a trivial capital gains tax on their profits. This isn’t “hard work,” but is essentially making money just by being rich. Instead of placing a reasonable tax burden on them, the columnist seems to prefer taxing the working class. His remarks might have been more compelling if he discussed supply-side economics, but he instead frames his argument on Communism. Aptly, he references Joseph McCarthy, calling him a “hero.” Other than perhaps Ann Coulter and Robert Novak, I can’t think of anyone who actually defends McCarthy. He has been thoroughly discredited and many regard him as an enemy of freedom.

The columnist finally contends that the framers would have had concrete opinions on terrorism and abortion, which is laughable at best. His opinions on the political philosophy behind our rights underlie his ignorance of our founding ideals. Not only that, but the columnist’s views on modern political liberalism certainly leave something to be desired.

Sam Klock, a member of Young Democrats, is a freshman at the College. His views do not necessarily represent those of The Flat Hat.



Support a critical language

Growing up, I hated Chinese. I refused to speak the language to the extent that I lied to my grandmother for 18 years by pretending I didn’t understand her, just so I wouldn’t have to stumble over the complicated tones to communicate. I laughed out loud when my mother told me I would regret not going to Chinese school and promised her that I would never give in to speaking what should have been my native language. Given my historic record of dislike for the Chinese language, it is ironic that I now find myself petitioning for greater support of its expansion at our college.

On Friday, Nov. 3, the Student Assembly is planning to put forth a referendum to raise the Student Activities Fee by \$15 in order to hire another Chinese professor. From 2005 to 2006, the Chinese department saw a 44.6 percent increase in enrolled language students (from 166 to 240), overloading the department faculty. As a Chinese major, I have personally witnessed professors’ struggles to meet the demands of students and have reason to believe that the situation will only get worse. An additional professor would not only alleviate the teaching load in language courses, but would also allow faculty to offer other previously unavailable classes that pertain to contemporary and historical issues.

With a population of 1.3 billion people and a

robust economy that now has an estimated \$1 trillion in foreign reserves, China has established itself on the global scene. From international negotiations on the North Korean nuclear crisis to foreign investment and trade, China is undeniably significant to the United States today. While academics, politicians and corporations may have varying views of China, they all agree that the country will be a major force in determining a new international structure. The U.S. government has even prioritized Chinese as a critical language, defined as “essential to engaging foreign governments and peoples ... to encourage reform, promote understanding and convey respect for other cultures.” Regardless of major or occupation, few people will remain unaffected by China in the future.

Last semester, several Chinese language students attempted to gain additional funding for a Chinese professor from the College with little progress. Now we are coming straight to the students for help. As a progressive university that is committed to maintaining current international relevance, the College should continue to promote and provide for the many students who want to study Chinese language, culture and history. As a representative of both the Chinese student population and the students enrolled in these courses, I am personally asking for your vote of support to pass this crucial referendum.

Helen Wong, co-president of the Chinese Student Organization, is a senior at the College. Her views do not necessarily represent those of The Flat Hat.

A chapel needs a cross

Last week, President Nichol revealed that the presence of the cross in Wren Chapel would be offensive, stating that, “recognition of the full dignity of each member of our diverse community is vital.” Instead,

his actions were a blow to the integrity of the Chapel’s history, and a strike against what the cross represents — values such as faith, sacrifice and openness.

President Nichol’s reason for his decision to take down the cross, citing the need that the Chapel “be open to students and staff of all beliefs,” is absurd. His insinuation is that the cross, by its very presence, is intrinsically uninviting. Any Christian, and many non-Christians, know this to be false.

The Chapel is open to all students and to the public for use. But it is still a chapel. By definition, it is a place of Christian worship. If students feel offended or uncomfortable by a cross, there are many other places on campus where they can hold an event. If students feel they cannot pray in the presence of a cross, why are they praying in a location of Christian worship?

1732 marked the first year that the Wren Chapel was completed and put into use for religious services. The College maintained an unofficial relationship with the Episcopal Church through the early part of the 19th century. There is no doubt that the Chapel is a place of Christian worship and not a more general

place of worship. The cross that is now being hidden away in a closet was a gift from Bruton Parish to the College in the early 1900s. Its removal is in bad faith and harms the significance of the Chapel’s historical value and our relations with the community.

Previously, any group could request to have the cross removed for an event. Now, the cross must be requested. Essentially, President Nichol is needlessly secularizing a place of religious worship and kowtowing to political correctness. In a spring 2003 survey of 190 students at the College, close to 70 percent of the respondents identified themselves as Christian. By caving to the wishes of a few, Nichol has disrespected the beliefs of many.

Should we now go further and remove “God our Father” from the alma mater? Should we completely wipe away our history and rewrite it? Are we so hypersensitive that we have to hide the cross from public sight except during religious services?

President Nichol has done a good job thus far in his tenure sticking up for students, especially in standing up to the NCAA over our feathers and in fighting for student voting rights in Williamsburg. The removal of the cross, however, stands as a black mark on his judgment and his commitment to students. Hopefully, if we as students can unite to support the Wren Chapel’s history and the cross, President Nichol will listen.

Will Coggin, a Student Assembly senator, is a senior at the College. His views do not necessarily represent those of The Flat Hat.



Letters to the Editor

Save the cross To the Editor:

There should be no confusion; President Nichol’s order to remove the cross from permanent display in the Wren Chapel is a radical decision. It is a radical decision that alumni, students and faculty should act to reverse. If the cross removal order stands, the College community will be accepting a dramatic erosion of its core historic identity.

Since 1906, the College has been a non-sectarian public institution and, for 100 years, its public mission has never experienced any conflict with the maintenance of the permanent display of the cross in the Wren Chapel. The Chapel and cross honor the College’s historic mission to train young men for the Christian ministry, as contained in the Royal Charter. 12 of the College’s 26 Presidents were ministers, including the first, Reverend James Blair. The Chapel and cross also signal a warm welcome to people who can take part in a living faith tradition within the heart of the College community. This is our history. When did our history become so offensive?

Students of all beliefs are welcome at the College. Most are undoubtedly drawn to the College by its history and its welcoming identity. The secular and anti-religious are welcome too, but they are not entitled to rewrite the College’s history. No student is compelled to visit the Wren Chapel. If someone is uncomfortable in the Wren Chapel with the Wren Cross, there are plenty of secular places on campus in which to meet, including other rooms within the Wren Building. Why does all of the College suddenly need to be a cross-free zone, notwithstanding 300-plus years of history and tradition to the contrary? The only change is a new tolerance for the intolerant.

The cross is now stored in a closet — hidden like a shameful relic from an embarrassing past. The College’s new president may be terribly confused about the College’s identity. It doesn’t mean the rest of us have to be.

— Vince Haley, ’88

An exercise of sadness and outrage To the Editor:

As a recent alum, reading last week’s column, “Righteous Republicans,” was an exercise in both sadness and outrage: sadness at the fact that students at the College could hold such ridiculously unfounded beliefs, and outrage at the arrogance of the writer and at the fact that The Flat Hat saw fit to publish such a smarmy, juvenile piece. Mark Johnson’s column is horrible for two obvious reasons: first, his baseless attacks fail in even their most meager attempts to be humorous, but, secondly, and most importantly, his claims are posited in a baseless fashion. Rather than illustrate the rationales for the “righteousness” of the GOP, the columnist simply illustrates his level of naivete and an unhealthy and privileged disconnect from the realities facing most Americans. His beliefs are easily deciphered from the article. I will refrain from repeating them.

We all know Mark Foley is more “down-with-pages” than “down-to-earth.” As for freedom of speech, I must mention that the last time I checked, the United States won WWII and the Cold War. Perhaps an introductory course on American government might be a good way for the columnist to learn that the whole “freedom of speech” concept was centered on political speech. The columnist’s thoughts on gun use fares poorly when compared to volumes of research. Furthermore, liberals don’t want to augment the number of rights afforded to criminals, only to ensure that the rights that they — and all Americans — already enjoy are protected. I don’t know if the columnist has ever read books on the sustainability of life on minimum wage, but let me be the first to break it to him: flipping burgers or cleaning dishes do not allow ordinary families to get by. While his mother might think that Horatio Algiers are made every day, life for millions of Americans is a day-to-day, week-to-week existence eked out through hard work and sacrifice, and millions of these and other Americans depend on governmental assistance. Democrats are not trying to rob the rich to pay tramps, only to ensure that our economy does not become stratified in a way that stifles access to the American Dream.

To The Flat Hat, I suggest that in future editions you search for or solicit columns with some aspect of substance. Printing such poorly-argued, angry tracts put forth by freshmen with no idea of what living in the real world is like demeans both your newspaper and the College as a whole. One of the many things I enjoyed the most about my time at the College was the level of intellect students poured into discussions about politics and issues of the day. I hope the columnist and his ridiculous article are not indicative of the current level of discourse at the College, just as I hope that The Flat Hat is not sullyng its reputation by becoming a forum open to thoughtless and demeaning contributions.

— Jon Adams, ’06

Ridiculous Republicans To the Editor:

You and I both recognize the value of the minds over which your pen holds sway when you address a fine student body like that of the College. And so it saddened me to read Mark Johnson’s biased rant, “Righteous Republicans,” which was thinly disguised by calls for non-partisanship. But even more than the columnists blatant abuse of influence, it is his conclusions that disgust me.

The only reason Republicans control Washington is that more people voted for them. Hailing from the backwards, almost primitive (they still go to church!) fly-over states, these voters are hardly well-educated enough to vote. Many of them probably have difficulty making their mark at the polling booth.

Indeed, many still believe in moral absolutes. How is it that they do not realize that such notions are simply vestigial social constructs, fueled by superstition and fear. By embracing modern science (which some

Republicans refuse to teach), the Democrats have discarded such antiquated notions as ‘right’ and ‘wrong’.

You conservatives. Desperately grasping for the times of old, when the robber barons looted our lands, when you could quietly sip lemonade on your plantations, when your women knew their place in the kitchen. It has taken more than 200 years to free our liberties from your grasp.

And now all you can try to conserve is your bank account, your estate. So you call for tax cuts! Do you honestly think that you can spend your money better than the government?

Finally, let us not forget the War on Terror. Passing over the absurdity of battling abstract nouns, I must remind you conservatives why we are fighting at all. Upset with our foreign-policy in the Middle East, some people there attracted enough support to attack our nation. So what do the Conservo-fascists do? Descend into the Middle East guns a-blazing. Won’t that make these people even more upset? Didn’t the Republicans learn anything from the 60s and Vietnam? We should be making love, not war. Only through compassion and understanding can peace reign. We could start by sending a letter of apology and some money to rebuild their exercise camps.

In conclusion, not only do I think that the columnist’s entire world-view is sick and twisted but I am also dismayed that he would spew his hate across the College campus on the eve of this all-important mid-term election.

— Ryan Johnson,
University of Chicago student

We have been plucked To the Editor:

Fellow Tribesmen and Tribeswomen, we must face reality; we have been plucked. Our sports do not attract the network contracts that can magically make a man in war paint who hurls a spear into the 50-yard line politically correct. Our appeal fell on deaf ears. Our president has too much class and concern for our student athletes to descend to the depths of sleaze required to fight the NCAA. We are finished, but will the stewards of the College community merely sit and complain to anyone appears to be listening? Okay, yes, but is that all we are going to do?

Let us discard the headdress feathers, as the NCAA demands, and embrace a new, more sensitive logo: quill pens. Our forbearers used them in the halls of Wren longer than most big football schools have even existed. Nothing else says, “Don’t talk to us about old school,” to opponents quite so well.

I’m 100 percent serious about this. If the price for keeping traditions is set above our means then we must steal them back through a loophole.

— Samuel Bruce, ’05

In defense of dialogue To the Editor:

As students living and interacting on a college campus, we are forced, every day, to examine the ideals and opinions we hold to be true when we encounter those who do not agree with us. Our community is one of acceptance where we attempt to transform our differences into growth. Similarly, the beauty of our country is that we all have the right to our opinions and the right to express them.

In last week’s column, “Righteous Republicans,” it appears the columnist wishes to remove this aspect of our society by eliminating liberals and the debates that occur daily in the public and private arenas. Granted, the rule of a country is always easier when all members of the government ascribe to one belief. However, whatever may be gained through ease of legislation or solidarity in leadership is eventually lost within the evils of a one-dimensional regime.

I am writing this piece in praise of our two party political system, no matter how frustrating an oppositional force may be. The strength of the United States lies in the breadth of opinions and values we all have. The backbone of the country is our Constitution and Bill of Rights, which establish our rights as people, of which we cannot be stripped, whether we are the President, a criminal, a priest, a terrorist or a student.

As the November elections approach, use the rights we all possess. Challenge your beliefs by engaging someone who feels differently, have an honest conversation about your differences and truly listen to the other side, not simply awaiting your opportunity to speak. Only through an honest dialogue can we, as a community and a country, move beyond ideology, propaganda and the confines of political debate.

— Laura Minnichelli, ’09

Horse feathers To the Editor:

The banning of feathers from the team logo is horse feathers! It can only be offensive in the eyes of those who are either easily offended or those who are part of the useless, nonproductive industry of political correctness. These thugs seem to actually enjoy being offended and ardently seek out and exploit ways to be offended. Teams have used Native American names and symbols because of their admiration for the strength and courage of the various Native American tribes.

People, Native American or not, who are offended by the appropriate use of names and symbols should not be tolerated and should grow up, or, in the words of the younger generation, “get a life!” If the malcontents can’t be persuaded, they should be marginalized. Please stop empowering the lunatics! I would hope college teams will ignore the nonsense coming from the NCAA. If the NCAA cannot clean up its act, then colleges should withdraw and form a new, broader-minded college sports organization.

— Don Miller

Choose helpful opinions To the Editor:

The column, “Righteous Republicans,” published in last week’s issue, seemed to offer the textual equivalent of a bumper-sticker-laden van backing up next to a coffeehouse, displaying its blunt ideological snippets right alongside the spirited, rational debate. Somehow, punditry of the worst sort snuck into The Flat Hat’s editing software before the printer received the file, much to the detriment of the publication.

The great multiplicity of student-run publications at the College allows opinion-shoppers to consider a variety of discrete and reasoned positions before arriving at a position of their own. Student-run publications lose this vital role, however, when they admit such discursive clots as the piece in question into their latest waves of philosophical inquiry and thoughtful suggestions.

“Righteous Republicans” presents itself as flypaper for popular buzzwords and catchphrases; “[don’t] bite the hand that feeds you,” “people kill or hurt people,” “why don’t they just get a job” and even “ban abortion” all make appearances. Of course, it is certainly possible to defend each of these claims in an opinions piece, but not when the author deploys them as indisputable truths from which to launch other arguments. The first phrase, for example, serves as the key, if only, premise for the conclusion that free speech “is great, when used sparingly and not against the government”.

Opinion pieces should help people understand the barrage of fleeting ideas and information from media like television advertisements, word-of-mouth demagoguery, and bumper stickers, not merely reproduce them in printed form. In the future, I would like to see in The Flat Hat, as well as in all student-run publications at the College, opinion pieces that are more helpful for readers truly wondering what to believe.

— Paul Gottschling, ’09
DoG Street Journal News Editor

Far from the facts To the Editor:

Mark Johnson’s column, “Righteous Republicans,” said some things so shocking that I feel I have to respond. I have nothing against the columnist himself, but I feel it is necessary to answer his pronouncements.

The columnist starts out by stating that “outlandish charges” were being leveled against “respected government officials such as Mark Foley.” This is despite the fact that every major news network and politician, including Fox News, Republican Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert and Mark Foley himself have admitted to the existence of the sexually explicit instant messages Foley sent to young congressional pages.

The columnist goes on to say that “freedom of speech is great, when used sparingly and not against the government.” I am unsure if he meant that free speech will be restricted if people criticize the government, but the entire point of free speech is to allow people to say what they think is correct, regardless of what those in power want them to believe.

The columnist also states that he feels a criminal “should no longer be considered a person with rights.” Criminals should be justly punished for their crimes, but to classify those in jail as non-human objects is a perversion of that justice. The sentence given to criminals must never be greater or less than the crime itself. To do otherwise is to break the prohibition against “cruel and unusual punishment” found in the eighth amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Finally, the columnist feels that the poor deserve to be poor, including, strangely, people with a degree in psychology. Ignored are those who do not have the opportunities that most students at the College are lucky enough to have. I feel that anyone who is willing to work should be guaranteed a minimum standard of living. While they may struggle to make ends meet, hopefully they can register to vote easily. I hope that they and every other American uses this right to vote in the upcoming midterm election.

— Josh Rellick, ’07

A weak political critique To the Editor:

After reading last week’s column by Mark Johnson, I was forced to wonder if it was a self-conscious parody. The columnist’s simplistic critique of Democrats is rife with baseless accusations, stereotypes and illogic. The columnist makes significant assumptions and broad generalizations to fit the tirade of a clearly misinformed

young man. Rather than cogently and clearly stating a case for conservatism, he instead bases his article on straw-man arguments and half-baked claims.

The columnist willfully ignores the policy and political history of both Republicans and Democrats. His glib treatment of the right to free speech alone should have prevented this article from being published, as he clearly states people should not have the right to criticize their own government. Yet, as I write this, polls show that 75 percent of Americans believe this country, as managed by the Republican party, is headed in the wrong direction, with Democrats poised to take back Congress. The columnist would apparently prefer that 75 percent of the nation just sit down and be quiet.

Ultimately, though, Mr. Johnson’s failure to cogently and competently argue his way out of a paper bag has been facilitated by The Flat Hat editorial staff. This piece fails to live up to any serious journalistic standard, and, as a media and communications professional, I am shocked that The Flat Hat would not exercise a more rigorous examination of the material it prints. The claim that his opinion does not represent the opinion of the newspaper does not make editors immune from accountability for flawed editorial decisions.

— David Solimini, ’04

A place of worship To the Editor:

I read the article entitled, “Cross removed to make Wren Chapel less ‘faith-specific’,” and was appalled by the belief that a cross in a chapel is offensive. Historically, chapels are tied to Christianity, hence why would a cross inside be offensive?

The College has a long history, and we are justly proud of that history. Included in our past is the fact that the College was founded as an Anglican institution. While we are currently a public university without religious affiliation, we cannot deny that without the initial support from the Anglican Church, our beloved college would not exist.

As a student, I went to the Wren Chapel to enjoy the peace and serenity of a place where countless others before me had gone to pray and worship. It was reassuring to know that great men like Thomas Jefferson went there as a student in search of something greater than himself. To see the Wren Chapel desecrated by the removal of its cross is not only disappointing, but offensive and disrespectful.

I believe students, faculty, staff and visitors, regardless of their religious beliefs, can get past a cross on the altar and see the Wren Chapel as a place of worship, as a place of respite and as a place where our history and heritage are honored. Unfortunately, administrators like Ms. Engimann fail to realize that, and yet another beloved symbol of the College has fallen victim to the College’s pursuit of political correctness. Barksdale is gone, the feathers are gone, the cross is gone — what’s left to be destroyed?

— Michelle Tait, ’05

Get a more specific logo To the Editor:

No doubt the majority of alumni share my disappointment and disillusionment over the NCAA’s ruling with respect to our “Tribe” logo. It was bad enough, years ago, losing our revered team name, “Indians,” given that the name was undoubtedly intended to portray all the positive attributes a school would hope to associate with its athletes.

One solution that should be seriously considered by the Board of Visitors is to have the College adopt the name of a particular Indian tribe indigenous to Virginia. I note, from checking the NCAA website, that the NCAA Executive Committee approved several schools keeping their “Indian” names and logos based on the fact that each was linked to a particular Indian tribe that endorsed the use of its name. For example, the NCAA approved the retention of the Florida State Seminoles, the Central Michigan State Chippewas and the University of Utah Utes. All the College has to do is link its “Tribe” designation to that of a particular Indian tribe. Such a decision would allow the school to keep alive the character of its original team name. It would also restore much of the lost pride of the many alumni and students who feel that the school has been forced to succumb to the NCAA over a foolish decision. It could also save the school a great deal of money in not having to change the “feathers” logo.

— Neil Hammerstrom, ’77

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AROUND THE NATION

LAST WEEK IN REVIEW:



♦ The Major League Baseball season came to an anticlimactic finish Friday night when the Detroit Tigers fell to the St. Louis Cardinals in five games by a final score of 4-2. After a surprising postseason performance, the Tigers soon fell victim to their youth and lack of playoff experience. The team simply buckled under the high-pressure atmosphere of the fall classic, as they committed seven errors in five games, practically handing the trophy to the Cards. However, the main reason for the Cardinals' success was the play of their pesky 5-foot-7-inch shortstop, David Eckstein (*above*). Eckstein proved to be the toughest of the Cardinals' lineup, posting a .364 batting average in the series. He provided the biggest hit of the series when, in the eighth inning of game four, he somehow muscled a two-out, tiebreaking double over the head of left fielder Craig Monroe. Eckstein's clutch hitting and solid glove at short earned him the series MVP award.

♦ The end of one season ushered in the beginning of another, as the NBA regular season began on Tuesday night. Still hungover from their post-championship partying, the Miami Heat looked as ugly as Pat Riley's slicked back hairdo. They were thrashed 108-66 by Ben Wallace and a revamped Chicago Bulls squad.

♦ Saturday provided the biggest upset in college football thus far, as the third-ranked University of Southern California Trojans suffered their first loss of the year to the Oregon State Beavers. Heavy underdogs, the Beavers took advantage of four USC turnovers and stormed out to a seemingly insurmountable 33-10 third quarter lead. However, the explosive Trojan offensive unit refused to throw in the towel, scoring 21 unanswered points off three touchdown passes from John Booty. With seven seconds remaining, the Trojans needed only a two-point conversion to send the game to overtime and keep their national title hopes alive. Although the resilient Beaver defense bent, it refused to break, as Jeff Van Orsow batted down a Booty pass to end the game.

WHAT TO WATCH THIS WEEK:

♦ In a week full of mediocre NFL matchups, one stands out among the rest. Sunday night, the undefeated Indianapolis Colts head to Foxboro to play the 6-1 New England Patriots. A marquis matchup between the two premier quarterbacks in the league, this contest should prove to be a real Sunday night treat. Manning is coming off a thrilling victory against the Denver Broncos in which he threw 345 yards and marched the Colts down the field for a game-winning field goal with two seconds remaining. Look for the defensive mastermind Bill Belichick to throw a variety of blitz packages at Manning in an attempt to disrupt the star quarterback's timing. On the other side of the ball, the Patriot offense is in midseason form, judging by Tom Brady's dissection of the Minnesota Viking defense, throwing for 372 yards and four touchdowns last week.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"The media darling, a.k.a. the golden boy of the NFL, tried to take a cheap shot at me, so I told him I was going to put some extra on it," Scott told the Sun. "He can do all those shakes he wants, but I wasn't going anywhere. I put a little hot sauce on that ankle."

—Bart Scott on his tackle of Reggie Bush *Espn.com*

By Graham Williamson. Eckstein photo courtesy of Jonathan Seiden.

NBA season predictions

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from being a championship contender, but in the meantime they should make a run at one of the last playoff spots in the East.

Southeast Division

It pains me to say it, but despite their wealth of young talent, both the Atlanta Hawks and Charlotte Bobcats are still at least a year away from making the playoffs. The Orlando Magic should be a decent team, but their lack of outside scoring capability (they will come to regret taking J.J. Redick in the draft) will keep them out of the playoffs. I'm expecting a big drop-off in the play of the Miami Heat this season, because as impressive as Gary Payton, Antoine Walker and Jason Williams were as role players last season, I can't see them playing up to that level again. However, with D-Wade and Shaq on board, this is still one of the better teams in the East. I expect more of the same out of the Washington Wizards this season, as they will once again emerge as a middle-of-the-road playoff team.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

This is the most stacked division in the league. Aside from the New Orleans Hornets (who had one of the worst offseasons in the league) and the Memphis Grizzlies (who will take a year or so to get used to their roster shake-up), every team will make the playoffs. The Dallas Mavericks will return to the top of their game in an effort to avenge their loss in last season's NBA finals. The Houston Rockets will contend for a title this year, behind their solid core of Yao Ming, Tracy McGrady, Shane Battier and sharp-shooting rookie Steve Novak. The San Antonio Spurs will be a title contender as usual.

Northwest Division

The Denver Nuggets are the

toast of the Northwest, one of the weaker divisions in the league. Carmelo Anthony was superb in the FIBA championships this summer and will lead the Nuggets to a division title. I think that both the Minnesota Timberwolves and Utah Jazz will surprise some with much-improved records this season as well as legitimate runs at the playoffs. I think the Jazz will likely get in, with the Timberwolves coming up just short. The remaining two teams in the division, the Portland Trailblazers and Seattle Supersonics will not make the playoffs this season.

Pacific Division

One of these seasons, the Golden State Warriors are going to finally put all their talent to good use and make a playoff run. This season, however, they will once again be a below-.500 team. The Sacramento Kings are an exciting team, but are just too inconsistent to make it into the playoffs. Both the Los Angeles Clippers and Phoenix Suns will contend for the Western Conference title, as they have solidified lineups that made big postseason runs last season. The Los Angeles Lakers are a talent-laden squad, and will make it into the playoffs, but until they get a premier frontcourt player (and no, Kwame Brown is not the answer), the Lakers will not be serious contenders for an NBA championship.

NBA Finals

I've got the Cavaliers over the Bulls in the East, and the Clippers over the Suns for the Western Conference title. And for the NBA championship: the Clippers over the Cavaliers in seven games. Go place your bets now.

Jeff Dooley is the assistant sports editor for The Flat Hat.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Tribe men and women kick off seasons

Through three meets, men boast 2-1 record and women stand 1-2

By MOLLY LARSON

THE FLAT HAT

The Tribe women and men's swimming and diving teams have both gotten off to a slow start. For the first time since 1998, the men started the season off 2-0. Unfortunately, they experienced a tough loss during their most recent meet against East Carolina University Oct. 27, putting them at a current record of 2-1. The women's team has a current record of 1-2 after falling to both Towson University Oct. 21 and, most recently, East Carolina Oct. 27.

The women got off to a rocky start with their loss to Towson. Despite outstanding individual performances, such as the record-breaking 100-meter freestyle by freshman Kaite Radloff, the Tribe was disqualified in the final race of the evening, dashing any hopes of a victory. Overall, the freshman performances were the most impressive of the meet. Erin Welshofer won the 200-m fly in a time of 2:09:23 for 10th all-time at the College while Courtney Alles tallied the fourth victory of the night by taking the 400-m individual medley.

The men, on the other hand, started off strong with a victory over Towson (122-115). There were consistent successes across all classes; sophomore Jeff Collier picked up a pair of individual victories, winning one by more than 15 seconds. After being out all last season, senior Nick Duda tallied two successes, one as anchor leg in the 400-m free relay.

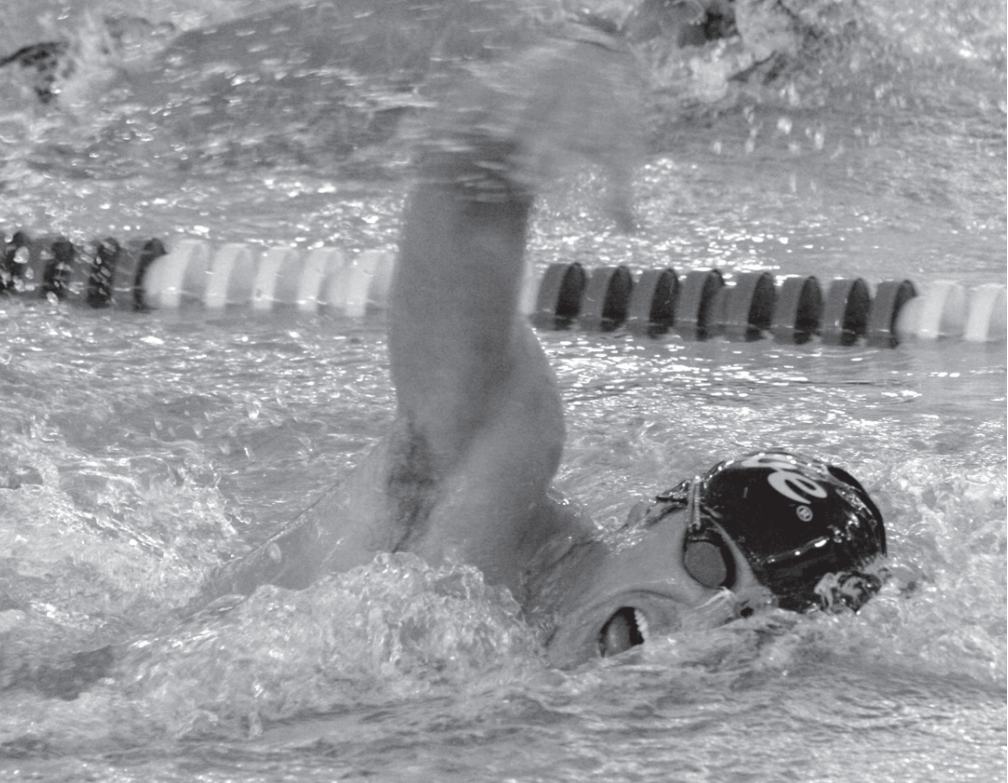
Victory was right around the corner, and sweet for both teams. At home Oct. 21, the women and men's teams beat the University of Mary Washington 121-77 and 126-67, respectively. Hard work finally paid off for the women as they swam at many all-time paces. Radloff shocked all as she broke the 100 free school record once again with a time of 51.59 seconds. Freshman Jill Hamilton won the 1,000-m freestyle at the fourth-fastest record and a new personal best.

As for the men's team, Duda tallied two individual victories once again and helped lead the 400-m free relay team to a win. Sophomore Joe Cin received top marks in both diving stanzas. Strong performances were also seen from the underclassmen as freshman Marshall Raiskin earned his first victory, winning the 200 back.

Most recently, the Tribe fell to powerhouse East Carolina, marking the second loss for the women's team and the first for the men. Again, although the women's team boasted three school records, it wasn't enough for a win. Radloff stunned with victories and new records in the 50-m and 100-m freestyles, one beating out a 2006 NCAA qualifier from East Carolina. Sophomore Marina Falcone, who last fall became the only

Tribe woman to swim under five minutes in the 500-m freestyle, took home a victory in the 200 free. The men experienced similar disappointment as they fell 144-97 to East Carolina. Duda outshone swimmers in both the 50-m and 100-m freestyle, marking his fifth consecutive victory. Distance swimmer Collier took home wins in both the 1,000-m and 500-m freestyle.

Overall, the Tribe boasted some outstanding individual performances during the meets; however, the two teams need to tie it all together and be more consistent across the board to ensure future victories. The Tribe will make a splash this weekend as they travel to Delaware for the annual CAA pod meet against Old Dominion University and the University of Delaware.



ALEX HAGLUND ♦ THE FLAT HAT

Both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams will compete today and tomorrow against Old Dominion University and the University of Delaware for a CAA pod meet.

Tribe looks to clinch spot in CAA tournament

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Dukes cut the Tribe's advantage to two at 24-22, the College took the game.

The Tribe started out the second frame with a 7-2 advantage, but JMU battled back to earn a 17-14 lead. Still down by three at 23-20, the Tribe tallied five unanswered points and the Dukes were forced to take a timeout. The two teams tied again at 28-28 but the Tribe brought it together to claim the set.

In the third frame, a 6-6 tie was broken by an 8-0 run by the Tribe, which the team then bumped to 20-10, the Tribe maintained control and finished with a frame and match victory.

Coming off their impressive 3-0 victory over James Madison, the Tribe set to face the Hampton University Pirates, a non-conference opponent. Entering the match, senior Kathleen Hawley was averaging 5.28 digs per game, ranking second in the CAA, while Mount ranked third with 12.05 assists per game, and freshman Bryana Carey earned a third place ranking in aces with 0.50 per frame.

The Tribe triumphed over the Pirates and earned their second consecutive victory 3-0 (30-19, 30-22, 30-10).

The Pirates grabbed an early 8-3 lead in the first set, but the College responded to tie the match at 12-12. The match stayed close until

the Tribe blasted ahead to secure a 27-18 advantage. A kill by Owens cemented the opening set for the team. In the second game, the Pirates held a one-point advantage at 4-5, but the Tribe answered with a 6-0 spurt to take a 10-5 lead. After Hampton called a timeout and took three more points, the Tribe again dominated in a 5-0 run to earn a commanding lead of 16-8, which the team maintained for the win. The College never yielded control in the third game after rattling off a 12-1 run to take a 14-3 lead, then setting up an 11-1 run to lead 29-9. A kill by freshman Lauren Powell earned the set and the match for the Tribe.

The Tribe performed well as a

team, hitting a .451. Sophomore Molly Bohman tallied 12 put-aways and hit .611, and Powell totaled nine kills and hit .750. Freshman Katie McCarney recorded eight kills and hit .571. Currently at the second-highest single-season total of digs in Tribe history, Hawley added 14 digs against Hampton to bring her sum to 436.

The Tribe will play its final home match of the season today at 7 p.m. against Virginia Commonwealth University, marking the final home game for three seniors: Hawley, Natalie King and Sarah Long. The College is just one game behind sixth-place VCU. The top six teams qualify for the conference tournament.

Brooks' efforts not enough in conference loss

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23 of his 142 yards. Upon being pushed out of bounds, he gestured to the students, who reacted with a roar seldom heard inside Zable Stadium this season.

"I understand that with every second that ticks off the clock, my career is dwindling," Brooks said. "The fans have been supportive all year, and I just wanted to get them into the game, get them excited."

With two minutes left on the clock and no timeouts remaining for the Wildcats, the Tribe looked to be in control, but Burroughs had other plans. The Villanova quarterback quickly moved the ball down the field with four straight completions and a pass interference penalty on senior defensive back Alan Wheeling. Suddenly the ball was on the Tribe two-yard line, and only 45 seconds had ticked off the clock. Two plays later, Burroughs tucked the ball in and dove for the decisive score.

"[Burroughs] played very well," Laycock said. "We weren't able to contain him on that last drive for sure, and not much at all, really. [The game] came down to him and he made plays."

Burroughs finished the game with 284 passing yards, 31 rushing yards and three total touchdowns. The Wildcat passing game benefited from openings up the middle in addition to weak coverage from the Tribe defense.

"We didn't cover them," Laycock said. That's why they were open, I don't know why, but we didn't cover them."

On the offensive side of the ball, the Tribe had their most productive day since Sept. 23 against VMI. Potts completed 12 of his 24 attempts for 197 yards and a touchdown, while Brooks' 142 rushing yards moved him past Hameen Ali into 9th all-time on the Tribe career rushing list (2,298 yards). Brooks' accomplishment is even more impressive given that he has only played three seasons for the Tribe after transferring to the

College for his sophomore year.

"Without [Brooks] there's no telling what we would do," Laycock said. "He's just done a heck of a job running the football for us and also being a great leader. I could just go on and on so far as superlatives for Elijah; he works hard in practice, he works hard in the game, he's coming through with big plays. I think he's a great running back."

With three games to play, Brooks stands just 248 yards away from becoming the College's number five rusher of all time and 287 yards away from breaking the 1,000-yard mark on the season.

Brooks isn't the only Tribe senior continuing to perform in the twilight of his career. Senior defensive end Josh Wright recorded eight total tackles against Villanova, including two unassisted tackles and two tackles for a loss. Wright added one and a half sacks, including a fourth quarter assault on the Wildcat quarterback where the senior teamed up with redshirt freshman Adrian Tracy to bring Burroughs down for a loss of 12

yards.

Senior linebacker Chris Ndubueze led the Tribe with 10 tackles, six of them solo, and a sack. Ndubueze's performance marked the third week in a row he has tallied at least 10 stops in a game and the senior is tied for the team lead in tackles with 52 for the season.

Sporting a 2-6 record and zero wins in the Atlantic 10, the Tribe will need to stay focused and play their best as they battle three strong teams down the stretch.

"You motivate year round and you prepare for the season, you don't prepare for if you are successful or unsuccessful," Laycock said. "You prepare for 11 ball games and you take each one individually, and that's what we do. We are going to keep focusing on each week and our preparation."

The Tribe will need to be prepared as they head to Baltimore this weekend to battle a very strong Towson University squad, ranked no. 21 in the nation.

Tribe Football Game Day				Individual Statistical Leaders			
Up Next: No. 21 Towson University Tigers				Passing			
When/Where: Tomorrow, 1 p.m. at Minnegan Field at Johnny Unitas Stadium				Mike Potts	71 of 120	903 yards	6 TD
Tribe Record: 2-6 (0-5 A-10)				Jake Phillips	61 of 129	656 yards	4 TD
Towson Record: 6-2 (3-2 A-10)				Rushing			
Tribe Last Week: 31-35 loss to Villanova				Elijah Brooks	693 yards	4.9 avg	8 TD
Towson Last Week: 49-35 win over Delaware				DeBrian Holmes	142 yards	4.9 avg	1 TD
All-Time Series: Tribe leads 3-0				Receiving			
Previous Meeting: Tribe won 44-13 in 2005				Joe Nicholas	26 rec.	382 yards	4 TD
Notes: The Tribe carries a nine game conference losing streak into Saturday's contest, their last A-10 victory coming against Towson in last year's homecoming game.				D.J. McAulay	18 rec.	247 yards	1 TD
The Tribe has scored over 40 points in each of their three all-time meetings against Towson. They have yet to post more than 40 points this season, their season-high of 38 coming against VMI.				Matt Trinkle	17 rec.	158 yards	0 TD
				Elijah Brooks	17 rec.	121 yards	0 TD
				Defense			
				Kevin Allen	52 tackles	0 sacks	2 FF
				Chris Ndubueze	52 tackles	2 sacks	0 FF
				Adrian Tracy	50 tackles	3 sacks	1 FF
				Michael Pigram	48 tackles	0 sacks	3 FF
				Alan Wheeling	45 tackles	0 sacks	0 FF

HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

IM sports provide break from varsity level

Loud, pulsing music. A legion of screaming groupies. Headbands, tights and a long-haired, vibrantly-colored frontman. But this ain't no Def Leppard concert — no, this event holds far more cosmic importance, not to mention broad-based appeal (granted, if there were justice in the world, watching your grandfather shave his back would have more appeal than a Def Leppard concert). With all of the pageantry of a World Cup game and the energy of a techno dance club, the Track Starz (featuring the



BRAD CLARK

Tim Zeckser Experience) took the field Sunday against the Green Machine in the coveted William and Mary Intramural Indoor Soccer Co-Rec A School Championship.

Like many of the great sports teams in history — the Bad News Bears, the Permian Panthers from “Friday Night Lights,” not to mention those wacky Jamaicans from “Cool Runnings” — the Starz took second to the Green Machine, but that's not their whole story. Their run to the finals seemed to be the stuff of destiny, much like the Red Sox in their fabled 2004 season.

“Well, things were looking pretty bleak when Tim, who brings both tremendous goal-keeping skills and experience [winks], went to the Leafe approximately 45 minutes before kick-off,” junior midfielder Steve Waite said. “But we managed to pull it off.”

As far as real adversities, at the beginning of

the season, the team barely even resembled ... well ... its sweet self.

“We didn't really have that many goals going into the seasons, you know, we just wanted to lose all of our games and see how we did in the losers bracket,” team captain Tim Zeckser said. “But then we realized that we were freaking sweet.”

Gradually, however, the team was made up mainly of current cross country and track and field women, as well as several male cross country exiles who wouldn't have played had they still been with the team.

Asked why he no longer ran for the team, which prides itself on an intense, serious approach that has yielded seven consecutive conference titles, sophomore striker Danny Gordon said, “It just wasn't working out,” a sentiment echoed by several of the players I spoke with. All the better for the Starz, who benefited tremendously from the wealth of talent that joined midway through the season, giving them the edge, air of mystery and fantastic facial hair that ended up propelling them into the upper echelon of Intramural Co-Rec teams.

Not only did the team bring a tenacious style of play to the field, but they also brought fans. Lots of them. The Starz brought out over 20 highly excitable fans to the playoff games and over 30 to the championship game.

“They were all pretty amazing,” said senior Steve Hoogland. “Playing in front of that many people for an intramural game was a pretty great experience. Everyone really came together around the team.”

Here at the College we attend a school where rival news publications write scathing responses to the imagined slights of their competitors, where people protest the fact that others are protesting and where vehement debates are scrawled in bathroom stalls proving that the writing really is on the wall; that if the College were a person, s/he'd certainly be schizophrenic. The Starz helped show me that despite all of that, somehow, the intramural program has managed to rise above the rest. The Track Starz are by no means the only team to come at the intramurals with such enthusiasm. Ex-high school athletes fill the ranks of the various intramural teams, rubbing shoulders with benchwarmers and non-jocks alike, finally free of overbearing coaches and intensely passionate parents, able to enjoy sports in a carefree way we all remember from elementary school and youth leagues — when a game's highlight may not have been the goals scored, but the orange slices served at half time.

The intramural program has proven itself to be an asset to both the mental health and physical well-being of our students, as well as a reminder that at one time in the distant past, before our athletic exploits became more important than life itself, sports used to be fun. I asked the heralded team captain of the Starz what he thought of my theory, but he just shrugged. “I'd love to help out more with your article,” he said with a grin. “But I got to get to my floor hockey game.”

Brad Clark is a bright glow observed in the night sky, usually in the polar zone. Oh, and he is also a sports columnist for The Flat Hat.

Walk-ons sacrifice, work hard to fulfill dreams

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money, Owens starts and is a valuable contributor. Named CAA Co-Player of the Week during October, she is enjoying her change of scenery.

“At Oklahoma, you went to practice because you knew they were paying you to play. It was more of a job thing,” she said. “Here I'm playing because I want to.”

Also thankful to have the opportunity to play at the collegiate level, Adam Trumbower, a senior on the men's basketball team, competed with the Tribe for three years without a scholarship. He had several options for college, including Virginia Military Institute and Winthrop University, but chose the College so he could play for Head Coach Tony Shaver. Originally, Shaver recruited Trumbower while coaching at Hampden-Sydney

College, but when he took the job in Williamsburg, Trumbower came here as a recruited walk-on. As of this summer, he is now on scholarship.

“I'm humbled by it,” he said of the money. “It's a great blessing for [Shaver] to be able to give that to me and I'm going to make the most of it.”

For Charles Portz, a senior on the men's gymnastics team, earning a scholarship was never a distinct possibility as it was for Trumbower. In contrast to most sports at the College, the gymnastics team does not have scholarships to reward athletes. The definition of a walk-on becomes murky in this case. While the team could potentially give scholarships, it would cut into the length of its season and how much it would be able to travel, Portz explained.

Another aspect that separates gymnastics from sports like football or basketball is that there are

few, if any, coaches, who will seek out student athletes in the recruiting process. The individual athlete must take most of the initiative. Portz sent a video of his competitions to Head Coach Cliff Gauthier, who then forwarded Portz e-mails outlining a strength training program that he wanted him to follow.

“Once you get the initial contacts, it's all about making sure you stay with the contact,” Portz said. “If you are adamant, it will happen, and you will play.”

For each of these five Tribe athletes, the term “walk-on” means very little. It's merely a moniker. Through sacrifice and hard work, they have managed to do what many high school varsity athletes only dream of doing, and while it's a nice benefit for some, the money means almost nothing next to the opportunity to play.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

♦ Following a record-setting sophomore season, junior Kyra Kaylor (*right*) has been named CAA Preseason Player of the Year. Kaylor will look to build on her league-leading scoring (18.6 ppg) and rebounding (11.9 rpg) totals of last season and repeat as CAA Player of the Year. Kaylor's 434 points and 334 rebounds set new records for women's basketball at the College and placed Kaylor among the nation's best forwards. The Tribe opens their season at the University of Maine Nov. 11.



MEN'S BASKETBALL



♦ The Tribe played their first game of the season, an exhibition match against Division II Barton College, at Kaplan Arena Nov. 1. The team shot an impressive 58.2 percent from the field and made 10 of 15 three-point attempts on their way to an 85-73 victory over Barton. Four Tribe players reached double digits in points, with senior guard Adam Payton leading the way with 20 points, while junior Laimis Kisielius (*left*) added 17 points. Freshman point guard David Schneider tallied 14 points to go along with eight rebounds, eight steals and seven assists. The Tribe will travel to Manhattan, Kan., next weekend to open the season against Kansas State University.

SWIMMING

♦ Senior Nick Duda and freshman Katie Radloff were named CAA Swimmers of the Week for their performance against East Carolina University. Duda dominated the men's 50 and 100-meter freestyle events to push his streak of consecutive races won to five. This is the first time a swimmer from the Tribe's men's program has been named CAA Swimmer of the Week. Radloff set a new school record in the 50-m freestyle race and broke her own record for the second time so far this season in the 100-m freestyle.

FIELD HOCKEY

♦ The fifth-seeded Tribe gave up their CAA quarterfinal match with a 1-4 loss to fourth-seed Northeastern University Wednesday, going to 10-9 overall. Junior forward Kim Hedley scored the Tribe's only goal, in the second half. Northeastern will meet first seed Old Dominion University tomorrow in Virginia Beach. The team also lost their last regular season game to no. 3 Old Dominion Oct. 29 with a score of 0-8. The game had high action, with junior goalkeeper Gwen Hunter making 10 saves in the first half alone.

SOCCER

♦ Several men and women were named to ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District III teams. First Team honors went to senior defender Anna Young and junior midfielder Ryan Overdevest. Seniors Pat Scherder and Jeff Marklin and sophomore Abby Lauer made the second team, while sophomore Danielle Collins made the third team.

By Miles Hilder and Louis Malick. Kaylor and Kisielius photos by Jonathan Seiden.

XC victorious at CAA

BY ANDREW PIKE
FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

Both the men's and women's cross country teams raced to decisive victories at the CAA championships last Friday in Newark, Del. The men's victory marked their record-tying seventh consecutive CAA title, while the women captured their fourth consecutive championship.

Senior Sean Anastasia-Murphy spearheaded the men's effort as he captured fourth place, covering the 8-km layout in 25 minutes, 12.35 seconds. Less than half a second later, junior Dave Mock finished in fifth place. Fellow junior Anthony Arena and senior Jason Schoener crossed the line in sixth and seventh place, respectively, completing the course in 25:15 and 25:21. Senior Dan Nally rounded out the scoring for the Tribe with his 10th place showing in 25:31. The College tallied 32 points to handily defeat runner-up James Madison University which finished with 63 points.

“I was pleased with the race,” Head Coach Alex Gibby said. “The effort and energy were outstanding.”

The College's landslide victory came without the services of its top three runners — juniors Christo Landry and Ian Fitzgerald and senior Keith Bechtol. Gibby held out Landry and Fitzgerald so the could continue training; he held out Bechtol to ensure that his slight quadriceps strain did not worsen.

The Tribe women were equally impressive at the CAAs. Senior Meghan Bishop led the way for the College, finishing second with a time of 21:42 for the 6-km course. Junior Kaitlin Hurley captured third place in 22:02 and sophomore Emily Schroeder took fifth with a time of 22:22. Freshman Anna Brousell (seventh) and senior Anna Parker (eighth) crossed the line next for the Tribe in 22:27 and 22:29, respectively. Junior Emily Gousen also earned all-CAA honors, finishing ninth with a time of 22:31.

Even with one of their top

runners, senior Julia Cathcart, sitting out to prevent any worsening of her SI-joint condition, which causes back pain, the College dominated the race. The Tribe totaled 25 points and defeated runner-up Georgia State University by a 58-point margin.

“This is a good confidence builder for our team heading into the regional meet,” Bishop said.

Both teams are healthy and are beginning to reduce weekly mileage totals in order to freshen up for the Southeast Regional Meet.

“The work is done,” Head Coach Kathy Newberry said. “We are trying to gain the confidence we need going into regionals.”

For the women, Newberry hopes to see the team put forth its best race of the season.

“Kathy has prepared us well to peak right around the regional meet, so we hope to take advantage of some teams that are going backwards by this point of the season,” Bishop said.

The women face a tough region with four ranked teams — North Carolina State University, Duke University, the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech — and aim to knock off one or more of these teams to earn a return trip to the NCAA championships. The Tribe will toe the line at the regional meet with its entire top seven ready to race.

For the first time this season, the men will race their entire top seven at the regional meet. The reappearance of Landry, Fitzgerald and Bechtol to the College's top seven will better the squad's chances at regionals. There, the Tribe will battle against ranked foes N.C. State and U.Va; nevertheless, Gibby expects the team to earn an automatic bid to the NCAA championships and to contend for its second straight regional championship.

The Tribe returns to action tomorrow at the Cavalier Open in Charlottesville, but the varsity runners will wait until Nov. 11 for the NCAA Southeast Regional in Louisville, Ky.

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SPORTS



Men's and women's swimming and diving teams start their seasons. See Swimming, page A10.



IRENE ROJAS • THE FLAT HAT
Sophomore running back DeBrian Holmes looks on as junior quarterback Mike Potts throws a pass in Saturday's 31-35 loss to Villanova.

FOOTBALL: TRIBE 31, VILLANOVA 35

'Nova hands Tribe homecoming loss

TD run with 0:35 left sinks 2-6 squad

BY MILES HILDER
FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

The Tribe offense exploded for 31 points against Villanova, but it would not be enough as Villanova quarterback Marvin Burroughs rallied the Wildcats for a late score en route to a 35-31 victory. Saturday's game marked the first time since 1998 that the College was not victorious on homecoming weekend.

"The loss was disappointing," Tribe Head Coach Jimmie Laycock said. "We put ourselves in a position to win, but we weren't able to hold on. It was a tough situation, but we did not play as well as we needed to."

With the score tied at 28 halfway through the fourth quarter, the Wildcats were quickly moving the ball into Tribe territory. Burroughs connected with Villanova running back Aaron Jones for 13 yards down

to the Tribe 25-yard line, but sophomore linebacker Michael Pigram stripped the ball free and senior linebacker Travis McLaurin recovered the fumble to give possession to the College. The forced fumble was Pigram's second of the game.

"I had a bad angle, so I just tried to wrap around [Jones] and I ripped the ball out," Pigram said.

Junior quarterback Mike Potts and senior running back Elijah Brooks proceeded to lead the offense on a nine-play, 56-yard drive that set up senior Blair Pritchard's only field goal of the day. Pritchard's 27-yard attempt sailed through the cross-wind and in between the goal posts to give the Tribe a 31-28 advantage. On the second play of the drive, Brooks took the handoff, shook off a defender, and sprinted for

See FOOTBALL, page A10

FROM THE SIDELINES

Clips, Cavs the toast of the NBA in '06-'07

The always-eventful NBA offseason came to an end this Tuesday as the NBA tipped off its regular season. This offseason featured Kobe Bryant deciding to change his jersey number to 24 (which happens to be one higher than that of another famous scoring guard), Shaquille

O'Neal giving his modest opinion on the NBA's newly-designed basketball (he suggested that its creator be fired) and Indiana Pacers guard Stephen Jackson making headlines by firing "warning shots" outside a strip club. Sounds like a regular NBA offseason to me. So here you have it, some bold (and not so bold) predictions for the 2006-2007 NBA season:

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

Go ahead and write off the New York Knicks and Philadelphia 76ers, because they're not going anywhere this season. Both the Boston Celtics and New Jersey Nets will hover around .500, with the Nets turning it on enough toward the end of the season to make the

playoffs and the Celtics left on the outside looking in. The Toronto Raptors are one of the league's more intriguing teams, having shaken up their roster as much as they did. I think they'll surprise the league and do well enough to grab one of the last playoff spots.

Central Division

The Chicago Bulls, Cleveland Cavaliers and Detroit Pistons will all be among the top teams in the Eastern Conference this season. I feel that the Cavs have the best chance of making it to the NBA finals out of the three, because they will be getting back a healthy Larry Hughes, and LeBron James cannot be happy after having seen his draft classmate Dwyane Wade win a title before him. The Bulls will be a good team, but will also find out that Ben Wallace is not worth \$15 million per year. The Indiana Pacers are one of the most aggravating teams to predict, because for all the talent they have, they always seem to lack the chemistry to emerge as an elite team. I don't expect them to be a playoff team this season. The Milwaukee Bucks are a point guard away

See NBA, page A10

W. SOCCER: TRIBE 1, OLD DOMINION 1 (5-6 PENALTY SHOOTOUT)

Tribe's tourney run ends on PKs

Regular-season CAA champs fail to advance past semis, now look to NAAs

BY JEFF DOOLEY
FLAT HAT ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

In a grueling, 120-minute match that ended in a penalty shootout, women's soccer failed to advance past the semifinals of the CAA tournament, falling 1-1 (6-5 penalty kicks) to Old Dominion University yesterday. While the Tribe failed to advance, the game officially counts as a tie on their record because it ended in penalty kicks.

The Tribe got on the board early with a goal in the seventh minute by junior midfielder Donna Mataya. The scoring opportunity began when sophomore midfielder Abby Lauer sent a free kick into the

box and sophomore back Danielle Collins headed the ball on goal. The Monarch keeper saved Collins' shot, but the rebound came to sophomore forward Claire Zimmeck, who passed to Mataya, who was then able to slide it past the keeper for an early 1-0 lead.

The Monarchs were able to knot the game up at 1-1 with a goal in the 58th minute, as they got a shot past sophomore goalkeeper Meghan Walker, who finished the game with five saves in 120 minutes of play.

After the rest of the second half and overtime ended scoreless, the game went into a penalty shootout, where the Tribe and the Monarchs matched each other, each converting

on five of their first six attempts. The Monarchs keeper was able to keep out the Tribe's seventh attempt, and then ODU converted theirs to win the shootout, 6-5.

"It really, really sucked," Zimmeck said of the loss. "We really wanted [the victory]."

All is not lost for the team, however, as yesterday they received a no. 7 national ranking in the NCAA RPI index. This means that the team is almost certain to receive a bid to the NCAA tournament, and also has a good chance of hosting tournament games (the top 16 teams host). Team selections and seeding will be announced Nov. 6.

"We just need to keep on doing

what we've been doing," Zimmeck said of heading into the NCAA tournament. "Because it's been working."

The team received several honors from the CAA this Wednesday, as six players were named to all-conference teams. Zimmeck, who was also named the CAA Player of the Year, was chosen to the first team along with Collins. Senior midfielder Katie Hogwood, senior back Anna Young and Walker were all named to the second-team, while freshman midfielder Krissy Vornadore was selected to the all-rookie team.

The loss came after a 5-2 win against ODU last Friday in the Tribe's final regular season game.

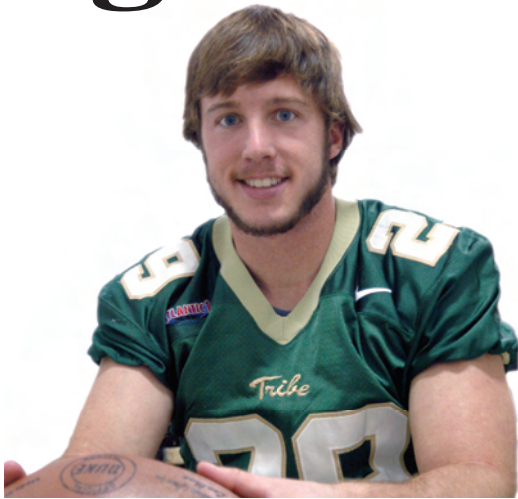
SPORTS FEATURE

Playing for free



JONATHAN SEIDEN • THE FLAT HAT

Senior guard Adam Trumbower, left, senior safety Zach Stout, center, and freshman midfielder Steve Renner, right, are all walk-on athletes.



A look at five walk-on athletes and their impact on Tribe sports

BY CARL R. SIEGMUND
FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

Inside almost every high school varsity athlete is a desire to continue competing in college and experience the thrill of victory. However, the harsh reality is that opportunities to play disappear the higher the level of play gets, and the best are weeded out from the rest. Some athletes, however, refuse to listen to the odds-makers. These athletes will play without scholarship money, doing anything just to fulfill their dreams of suiting up for a college team. These non-scholarship athletes, or walk-ons, can be found in almost every sport.

Senior Zach Stout came to the College hoping to suit up for the football team, even though Virginia Commonwealth University offered him a full academic scholarship.

"I could have gone there and not played football and had a better chance of getting my foot in the door for medical school," he said. "But I knew I was going to have to do something other than just school in college."

Unlike many football walk-ons, who are invited to begin playing in the preseason, Stout was a school start walk-on who went into the coach's office upon arriving at the College and tried out with three others. Although he had had some contact with the coaching staff in high school, he

was not given a scholarship offer.

In his 27-year tenure at the College, Head Coach Jimmie Laycock has always incorporated walk-ons into his program.

"The walk-on athlete has proved to be the foundation of the program over the years," he said. "We operate with the theory that all players are treated equally, once they step onto the playing field."

In seven of the last nine years, at least one walk-on has been named a team captain, including, most notably, former quarterback Lang Campbell, '05, who led the Tribe to the Division I-AA semifinals in 2004. Stout, who was slated to start at one of the safety spots this year, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during preseason, and is out for the season. While he considers this unfortunate, he does believe he's benefited from his experiences on the football team.

Other sports that receive less scholarship money and funds also incorporate walk-ons into their programs. Freshman Steve Renner, like Stout, came to the College with a strong desire to play on a varsity team. Originally he aimed to compete for the University of Mary Washington's soccer team, a D-III program where he would have had a greater chance of receiving playing time. It all came together for Renner when he tried out this summer. He kept in contact with the Tribe coaching staff and was invited to try out for the

team during preseason training in late July.

After just the third day of tryouts, Renner was offered a roster spot. Redshirting in order to gain an extra year of eligibility, he must now also contend with injury. Three weeks ago, Renner developed a hernia and will undergo surgery in the near future. Despite early setbacks, he hopes to have a successful career for the Tribe.

"I want to get into a game first," he said. "I want to have an impact and be someone who has a purpose and be a key figure by the time of my senior year."

It's a dream Stout shared his freshman year, but as Renner has already figured out, it is an uphill battle.

Sophomore Abbi Owens, a volleyball player who transferred from the University of Oklahoma, prefers her status as a walk-on at the College over that of a scholarship athlete. The volleyball program at Oklahoma was ultra-competitive, and she did not like the heavy focus on individual star players. Academics were also a concern.

"The way their practices are set up and the way they set up their program, they inhibit you from taking hard classes," she said. "I know that my degree will take me where I want to and I play volleyball just because I like it."

Even though she does not receive scholarship

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VOLLEYBALL: TRIBE 3, HAMPTON 0

Tribe in need of win as they eye CAAs

Team currently one game away from final CAA tournament spot

BY MADELINE WOLFERT
THE FLAT HAT

The Tribe women's volleyball team, currently 10-13 overall and 6-9 in conference play, has had an eventful October. After a 2-3 loss against Towson University, the Tribe rattled off a three-game winning streak with a 3-1 win over the University of Delaware, a 3-0 win over the University of North Carolina, Wilmington and a 3-2 victory against Georgia State University, all conference opponents. Their winning streak faltered when the team traveled to Northeastern University and the Huskies took a 3-0 victory. Then Hofstra University defeated the Tribe 3-0, and George Mason University shut down the Tribe at home 3-0.

"Each day we are improving and we can't wait to surprise the teams in our conference with our ability as a team," sophomore outside hitter/libero Abbi Owens said.

The team certainly surprised James Madison University as the Tribe shattered JMU's eight-match winning streak with a commanding 3-0 victory (30-24, 30-28, 30-22). The Tribe improved to 9-13 overall and 6-9 in the CAA, while JMU fell to 17-7 overall and 11-4 in the CAA.

Taking an early lead in the opening frame, the College was able to pull ahead to 13-9. JMU responded with a 3-0 run, but the Tribe answered with its own 6-0 run to take a 19-12 lead. Although the

See VOLLEYBALL, page A10



JONATHAN SEIDEN • THE FLAT HAT

Sophomore Kim Mount plays against Northeastern University Sept. 16. The team plays Virginia Commonwealth University in their last regular season home match tonight at 7 p.m. in Kaplan Arena.



Megan Dorward talks about the SA and her 'Devil Wears Prada' experience in NYC. See **THAT GIRL**, page B3.

Wee hours of Williamsburg

Life between dusk and dawn in the land of the butter churn

BY CHELSEA RUDMAN
THE FLAT HAT

Williamsburg, 11:44 p.m. It's not even midnight, and the dispatcher has already reported a case of alcohol poisoning on Richmond Road, a fire alarm at Lodge 14 caused by a fog machine and a few incidents sparked by someone charging around campus wearing a mask and brandishing a chainsaw. The squad car radio hasn't been quiet for a minute tonight. Now a student is reporting having trouble breathing.

Officer David Jay shakes his head as he flicks on his sirens and speeds towards Fraternity Row. "It's gonna be one of those nights," he sighs.

This is, after all, Friday of Homecoming Weekend, and Jay's not expecting much downtime. But that's fine by him. Action is precisely why he prefers the night shift. It's true that Williamsburg is not a hotbed of criminal activity; the Campus Police see one or two fistfights a year, according to Chief of Police Don Challis, and even fewer muggings. But though Williamsburg may be sleepy, it's not exactly asleep. The night shift, especially on the weekend, gives Jay plenty of opportunities to interact with students. And at age 24, it's easy for him to relate — he was in their place a year ago.

Another officer has already found the



JONATHAN SEIDEN • THE FLAT HAT

Students flock to the local Wawa convenience store at all hours of the night, making for an eventful graveyard shift.

student having difficulty breathing when Jay pulls up to the intersection of Campus Drive and Gooch Drive. While they wait for EMS, Jay, an intimidating figure at over six feet tall, crouches next to the ashen-faced student huddled in the squad car to reassure him: "You're not going to die. You're fine." He squeezes the tips of the boy's fingers to check for signs of oxygen deprivation. "Take deep breaths in through your nose and out through your mouth." The student nods and takes a few deep breaths, slacken-

ing the panicked tension in his face.

Jay has hardly gotten back in his car when the next call comes in. Someone has removed a smoke detector head from a room in Unit B. Not surprisingly, there's a party in full swing taking place inside the building. As Jay ascends the stairs, party-goers, still clutching cans of Bud Light, scurry behind closed doors. He arrives at the offending room. Inside, a group of students is sitting around a TV, holding PlayStation controllers.

The ceiling has been acting up all week, they tell Jay, and part of the detector simply fell down. Jay glances around the room; there are no traces of smoke — visual, olfactory or otherwise. "And I trust that everyone here is of age?" Vigorous nods all around. "Okay."

In the hall, he briefly reprimands one of the higher-ups of the fraternity. "I understand that you guys are having fun. We don't want to stop your fun. We're just trying to make sure you're being safe," Jay says. And he leaves it at that.

Why didn't he write anyone up?

"My primary purpose there was to find out what happened to that fire detector," Jay says. "Who would I write up? I saw two girls holding beer cans who looked underage, but by the time I got done addressing the fire detector, anyone who had two brain cells had gotten out of there."

He tells the story of a student who, as Jay was writing him a parking ticket, pro-

WORKING THE GRAVEYARD SHIFT



David Jay

"We don't want to stop your fun. We're just trying to make sure you're being safe."



Nichole Piggott

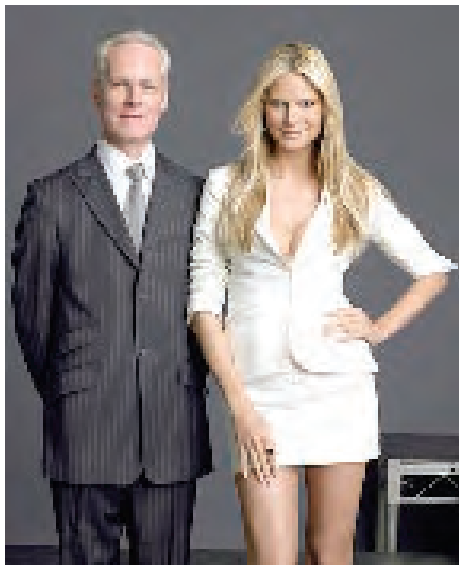
"The students are a lot of fun, [but] it sucks if you have a life."



Scott Owen

"Life isn't about being convenient. It's about doing what's got to be done."

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'Runway' to fashion

Tim Gunn, co-host of hit 'Project Runway,' to grace campus, judge mercilessly

BY MEGAN DOYLE
THE FLAT HAT

On a campus where colonial garb is as common as Ralph Lauren shirts, the University Center Activities Board is bringing out the big guns of the fashion world. Tim Gunn's brutal honesty as a mentor on Bravo's hit reality TV show "Project Runway" may have been a factor in the show's success. But tomorrow, Gunn will instead be directing his valued advice to students at the College in a free lecture.

Though referred to by Advocate Magazine as "the sanest man in reality TV," the fashion guru won't just attract those with a major in reality television. Gunn will bring his extensive experience in the field to a school that lacks a fashion design department. When he is not advising "Project Runway" designers on their latest challenge, Gunn serves as chair of fashion

See **'RUNWAY'**, page B3

Local farms produce autumn activities

BY BETSY DOUGERT
THE FLAT HAT

David Brown is the third generation of his family to run Bush Neck Farm. Located at 1502 Bush Neck Road — about seven miles outside Williamsburg — the farm has been in the Brown family for over 50 years. Originally, the farm grew grains, such as soybeans and wheat, but insufficient profits drove the family to make a change. Now the farm is a "U-Pick" operation. Brown said he made the change because it requires less labor than other types of farming. Another benefit of this method is that it eliminates middlemen and supermarkets. According to Brown, such middlemen "squeeze suppliers as hard as they can."

On U-Pick farms, customers pick their own produce with provided buckets. Bush Neck Farm now grows apples, peaches and blueberries. In addition, visitors may have lunch in the apple orchard. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Saturday from April through November.

Granny Smith apples are currently ripe and ready to be picked. Senior Brittney Pescatore, who has visited Bush Neck Farm before, advised students that "some of the best apples are on the ground." However, the apple crop in general has not done very well this year. Brown attributes this to a mid-summer combination of heat and drought. Usually, the apple season runs

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ALEX HAGLUND • THE FLAT HAT

Apple picking is a fun outdoor distraction in the fall months.

Dance group kicks off 'Event'

BY CHARLOTTE SABALIS
THE FLAT HAT

This weekend, Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall will host a high-energy and thoroughly original performance. Tonight, tomorrow and Sunday at 8 p.m., Orchesis will perform in "Dancevent," the group's yearly faculty-choreographed show.

Orchesis is the performance group of the dance program here at the College, and has been putting on shows since its formation in 1941. The group performs modern dance and students receive credit for their participation. They perform two shows a year, one in the fall, choreographed by faculty, and one in the spring, choreographed by students.

"We took in a large number of new members this year," Professor Joan Gavalier, one of the choreographers, said. "It's a very strong company; we're very pleased with what they're doing."

Orchesis has also welcomed to its ranks newly hired Professor Leah Glenn, who joined the dance program here at the College at the beginning of this year. She worked as the artis-



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Orchesis will perform a series of interpretive dances featuring original choreography.

tic director of the Cecil Dane Dance Theater in Maryland for ten years, where she gained extensive experience as a choreographer. She later worked for two years as head of dance at Hampton University.

Glenn will present two original works for

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Forget first dates: for utmost in social anxiety, just mix flour and eggs

CONFUSION CORNER



Lauren Bell

Most of us have had a pretty stressful week. Thanks to the glory that was Homecoming, our weekends — which are usually devoted to studying and avoiding sunlight — were taken up by tailgating, mingling, eating food specially prepared for alums, dancing, drinkin' and recovering. So now we've spent the last five days locked into the dankest, darkest corners of Swem getting punished for exceeding the weekend fun quota. I've seen you — scribbling away on a project that will never be finished, chewing off all your fingernails, seriously freaking out.

But that's okay because we're William and Mary students. We don't try to downplay our hard work. We don't sugarcoat things. We nurture our stresses and let them grow until they are strong enough to duel. "Oh, you think your stress level is out of control? Well, look at mine! (Side note: that's as sexy as talk gets around here. Enjoy.)

So, in the great Tribe spirit of one-up-manship, I not-so-humbly submit to you that, yes, indeed, there is something more stressful than schoolwork in this world. Something that I have experienced. I'm not talking about my top secret CIA missions. Or that time I ran with the bulls in Barcelona. I'm talking about cooking.

If you care at all about what other people think of you, cooking for your friends or co-workers is truly one of the most stressful things you could ever possibly do. It's not like some other good deeds that you can do in secret and then leave anonymously. When you bring someone something that you baked yourself, it's like presenting them with your firstborn — it's a little part of you. Rejection can be heartbreaking.

If the recipient doesn't like what you have presented, you see her reaction right away. The gleeful anticipation of watching someone take that first bite can quickly devolve into terror and despair if their "yay, it's pie!" face turns into an

"oh God, where can I spit this out?" face. The most considerate baked goods giftees — like the most considerate lovers — can always fake it, but then you are left with the trauma of never really knowing. Suppose you think your friend likes your special gingersnap cookies, so you make them for her every day (you have a lot of free time). Five years later, she tells you that she's just been feeding them to her drunk sorority sisters all this time. Severe depression ensues.

On my last day of work over the summer, I decided to brave the emotional minefield that is food-gifting and bring breakfast buns to work. The only cookbook in my apartment was the Magnolia Bakery Cutesy-Pie Fancy-Schmancy Recipe Novella, but I was too stupid to be intimidated, and I got to work.

Five minutes later, work stopped. The recipe called for "room temperature eggs." I, very foolishly, had put my eggs in the fridge, where man has been keeping his eggs since the time of the

mastodons. I couldn't stop and wait for the eggs to warm up, so I did what any well-intentioned young chef would do: I put the eggs in my bra. When the eggs were nice and toasty, I stirred them in with my dry ingredients, only to discover that the fine people at Magnolia wanted me to use an electric mixer. I didn't have an electric mixer, but, loathe to miss out on whatever fluffiness-inducing powers the electric mixer might have, I decided to fool the ingredients into thinking they were being well-mixed: I made a mixer noise. With my mouth.

The next morning, I brought my extremely well-stirred breakfast buns to work — using 19 Tupperware containers to transport them to work because every container in the apartment was made for a single sandwich.

My stress level wasn't quite high enough yet, so, rather than taking the wimpy way out and

See **SOCIAL ANXIETY**, page B2

VarietyCalendar

Highlights of the week
— compiled by stephen knapp

On-Campus Events

♦ Starting Monday, the Mystic Theatre will be performing **Salome** — a play written by Oscar Wilde in 1892 — in the UC Commonwealth Auditorium. The show will run through Wednesday, beginning at 8 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$4 each or \$7 for two.

To have an event printed in the Variety Calendar, e-mail fhvrtv@wm.edu before 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Area Events

♦ Tonight, **Modern Groove Syndicate** will perform at the Cary Street Cafe in Richmond at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. **Carbon Leaf** will also play at the Canal Club in Richmond at 10:30 p.m. Tickets are available online at thecanalclub.com for \$14, and will be sold at the door for \$16. Also in Richmond, **Richmond Roots Revival** will play at Bogart's at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$7 at the door, and admission is 21 and up only. **CoPilot** will play at the Out of Bounds in Richmond tonight beginning at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. At the Jewish Mother in Virginia Beach, the **Phunk Junkeez w/ Brew Crew** and **Villanovas** will play at 9 p.m. Tickets are available online for \$10 at InTicketing.com and will be available for \$15 the day of the show. Tomorrow at the Jewish Mother, **Hubert Sumlin and Friends** will play at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$5.



Heroman

By Thomas Baumgardner

Horoscopes

Scorpio: Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
You will be offended this week at numerous seemingly unprovoked comments of “Halloween’s over!” Just take the leotard off, schmuck.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
Being the Sagi-bond that you are, your tireless wandering will find purpose when you finally discover one good piece of fruit on campus.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
Two roads will diverge in a wood this week, and following the President’s example, you will take the road that has no justification whatsoever.

Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
Complicated political jargon has always frustrated you, Aqua-lung, but learning to believe everything you don’t understand should put an end to that.

Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20
No matter what the stars say, we know you will think of Reese’s Pieces the whole time, which admittedly offers its own convenient, chocolatey wisdom.

Aries: March 21 - April 19
After spending a night in the ghetto, you will believe that nothing could possibly be more dangerous. Until you spend twelve seconds in the UC.

Taurus: April 20 - May 20
You will fail to understand this week how television greats such as Bob Barker are retiring and somehow Problem Child’s Gilbert Godfried is still around.

Gemini: May 21 - June 21
It won’t come as a surprise this week when, in search of inspiration, “Now That’s What I Call Music! 22” helps you turn out a paper, again.

Cancer: June 22 - July 22
Always a fan of spy films, your friends will take it too seriously when they hand you a ticking time bomb. The stars are feeling generous — cut the blue wire.

Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22
The stars are sick of you listening to Nickelback. Do us a favor and blast Stevie Wonder’s “Signed, Sealed and Delivered” as often as possible.

Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
You will find that neither Van Gogh nor vertigo are funny at all, which happen to be the only words the stars can rhyme with Virgo. Better luck next week.

Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
A knock-out punch is a great way to finish anything, be it a paper, test or argument. Working on your left hook will be a fine start this week.

compiled by stephen knapp

Apple picking

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from the Fourth of July through Labor Day and sometimes even Thanksgiving.

Jon Welle, a junior at the College, also picked apples and pumpkins at Bush Neck Farm last year.

“We had a great time,” he said. “It was just nice to be outside. It’s very much out in the country, so it’s really picturesque with the leaves and the pumpkins and a lake nearby.”

For students lacking the time or desire to pick their own fruits, Hill Pleasant Farm might be a better option. Located just down the road from Bush Neck Farm at 7152 Richmond Road, Hill Pleasant Farm sells freshly picked crops. By eliminating the middleman, the cost to the consumer is lower and the farmer’s profit is higher.

Another benefit of this method of farming is that it draws in plenty of repeat customers. The farmers at Hill Pleasant Farm give their customers hands-on attention and recommendations as to which crops are ripe and show which recipes they might be best used.

The apples at Hill Pleasant Farm have also suffered this year due to weather, but Chief Horticulturalist Keith Jamerson cited a rare problem: this past winter’s weather was too mild. “The apples failed to get the 1,100 hours of cold that would produce a healthy spring bloom,” Jamerson said. Right now, however, there are still tomatoes, sweet potatoes, string beans and pumpkins for sale.

Prices for the apples on both farms are significantly less than those found in grocery stores. Expect to pay about \$15 for a large bag that can be easily split between three or more people.

Pescatore recommended going



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Bush Neck Farm is a “U-Pick” operation where patrons can pick their own fruit and even picnic.

apple picking with friends like she did last year. Together, her friends combined their apples and made a pie. “Every time we get together we talk about how we have to go apple picking again,” she said.

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Directions: A rebus is a picture representation of a name, word or phrase. Each rebus puzzle above portrays a common word or phrase. Can you guess the expression that each brainteaser represents?
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Sudoku

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Last Week's Solution

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Directions: Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each three-by-three block contain all of the digits 1 through 9.
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Three stories of people who work while we sleep

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tested that he hadn’t seen the “No Parking” sign. Jay tore up the ticket. Crime-fighting, he says, is about finding “the best solution for a given problem.” And the best solution isn’t always the harshest.

The radio crackles to life as he turns on the car. Jay listens intently. He has work to do.

2:15 a.m. — If Jay’s night is busy, then Nichole Piggott’s night falls somewhere between chaotic and insane. She’s a supervisor at Wawa, every student’s prime choice for collective face-stuffing after parties every Friday and Saturday night. Piggott doesn’t usually work weekends. But tonight, the Wa has upped its staff in preparation for Homecoming.

Piggott keeps a sharp eye for drunken troublemakers as she rings up customers. Near the door, she spots a lean boy surreptitiously cloaking a bag of unpaid snacks as he chats with friends.

“Boy!” Piggott yells. “Five feet four, orange hat! Yeah, you! You better get your ass back here and pay for that shit!” And pay up he does.

It’s not that Piggott doesn’t get along with the customers. She just takes her responsibility seriously. For the most part, “the students are a lot of fun,” she says. “You should see this place in the summertime. I could fall asleep at 2 a.m.” She knows almost all of her customers by sight, if not by name. She says that many of them are Wawa addicts who drop in up to four times a night. Many greet her by name; some have even offered her gifts. During Homecoming Weekend, one alum-nus tried to hand her a \$20 tip.

Such relationships with coworkers and customers are what make an otherwise difficult shift bearable.



JONATHAN SEIDEN • THE FLAT HAT
Employees at Wawa help students satisfy their midnight cravings.

Of the graveyard shift, Piggott says simply: “It sucks.” Especially, she adds wryly, “if you have a life.” Even after working 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., five days a week, for a year and a half, she still has trouble with a nocturnal lifestyle. “Your body’s still used to sleeping at night,” she says. “I’m still draggin’ it in here every day.”

6:45 a.m. — While Piggott’s 3-year-old son can sleep during his mother’s shift, Scott Owen’s three kids often have to wake up as early as he does. If his wife, a flight attendant, is out of town, all four of them have to be out the door at 6 a.m. so that Owen can get to the Daily Grind, his beloved coffee shop, and begin baking.

The bagels are always first. They’re precooked by an outside supplier, so they only need to be popped in the oven. And the defrosting period provides the perfect window to start whipping up the batter for the chocolate-chip scones and blueberry muffins.

Owen knows his customers. The chip-and-berry duo form the life-blood of the Grind, and early risers at the College won’t stand for their

absence. So, by the crack of dawn, Owen is here and up to his elbows in flour. Between now and 3 p.m., he will bake about 100 muffins and 70 to 80 scones.

Owen used to get here by 5:40 a.m. so he could finish the whole day’s baking in the hour and a half before the Grind opened. It allowed him to get out from behind the counter and take up his preferred position at the front of the store talking to customers.

But, he jokes, “I realized I had a life other than being here.” That, and his wife and kids weren’t happy with the 5 a.m. wake-up call.

Now he spends a lot of time back in the kitchen baking, and his daughter Maeve, 15, replaces him at the front counter. His other two children, Conor, 14, and Moira, 12, will take classes from students at the College later in the day. They spend mornings poking around the University Center or sleeping on the Grind’s couch.

“They don’t bitch so much,” Owen says. “They know I don’t listen to bitching. Life isn’t about being convenient. It’s about doing what’s got to be done.”

For bakers, risk of mild burns, severe depression

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just leaving the buns on a table in the office kitchen, I brought them to the morning meeting, where I would be forced to watch everyone’s reaction. Because I never actually talked in meetings, I had plenty of time to think about what I had just done: “Are they choking them down just for my sake?” I wondered. They know it’s my last week. “Why do they all seem to be chugging down their drinks after each bite? What about those people who only eat half? Are they just full? Are they grimacing because of the taste, or because they’re at a meeting? No one is taking seconds. Maybe they don’t want to look like

pigs? The extremely skinny lady seems to be enjoying hers, but that’s because she’s obviously starving to death.” Freak-out accomplished.

So, next time you have a fun-filled weekend, and feel the need to raise your stress levels, remember that Swemming is for amateurs. For a melt-down to rival any of your peers’, get yourself a pretentious cookbook, cook something you don’t actually know how to make and give it to people that you would like a job from. Your stress level will be so big and sexy.

Lauren Bell is the Confusion Corner columnist for the Flat Hat. She likes to make car noises while riding her bike.

BRIEFS

NSEP Scholarship

National Security Education Program David L. Boren Scholarships support undergraduate study abroad in countries traditionally underrepresented in study abroad programs. Language study is required and award recipients are required to work for a U.S. government agency for one year. Pre-applications are due to the Charles Center by noon on Dec. 1. See iie.org/nsep for more

information on the scholarship and wm.edu/charlescenter/index.php?id=2788 for information on the campus application process.

Goldwater Scholarship

Goldwater Scholarships are available to support rising juniors and seniors majoring in math or the sciences and planning to pursue a career in scientific research. Each scholarship covers eligible expenses of up to \$7,500 annu-

ally. Pre-applications, required for consideration for this year's four nominations from the College, consist of the application form and essay. They are available at act.org/goldwater. A Banner transcript and the names of three faculty recommenders are also required. The complete application is due to the Charles Center by noon on Dec. 1. For more information on the campus nomination process, visit wm.edu/charlescenter/index.php?id=2828.

Leadership positions

Students Serve, a new non-profit organization, needs an Associate Director and Director of Technology. The organization will provide service-learning grants to college students. Any student interested in a nonprofit career or web design is encouraged to apply. The positions will likely not be very time consuming. For more information, contact Angela Perkey at acperk@wm.edu.

President's office hours and lunches

President Gene Nichol is holding office hours to meet with students before Thanksgiving break. Individuals and groups can arrange an office appointment of up to 15 minutes anytime from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Nov. 9, or from 11 to 12:30 p.m., Nov. 14. President Nichol will also be hosting a series of student lunches at his

home. Limited to 10 students, the lunches will take place from 12 to 1 p.m. Nov. 15 and from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 7. To set up a date and time, contact Carla Jordan at x1254 or cajord@wm.edu.

Adult literacy program

Want to make a difference? The local jail has a need for novels in Spanish for male inmates between the ages of 18 and 45. The Rita Welsh Adult Literacy Program will be collecting books in the basement of Bryan Hall for the cause. Open hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. All questions can be e-mailed to Nancy Fazzone at nbfazz@wm.edu.

Newspaper job recruitment

Meet top newspaper industry recruiters at the Opportunities 2006 Minority Job Fair on Nov. 10 at the Virginia Press Association (VPA) Headquarters in Glen Allen. Job seekers can find more information and a registration form on vpa.net.

Copyright lecture

One of the nation's leading experts on intellectual property law, David Nimmer, will present "Copyright and the Dead Sea Scrolls" on Nov. 6 at the College's Marshall-Wythe School of Law.

Exploring the case *Kimron v. Shanks*, Nimmer will address what constitutes authorship. He will ask whether courts should permit the proprietization of academic research and if one can truly own cultural information.

Held at 1 p.m. in Room 124 at the Law School on S. Henry Street, the event is the first Stanley H. Mervis Lecture and is free and open to the public. For more details, contact Jaime Welch-Donahue at x1840 or lawcom@wm.edu.

Indian music concert

Rajeev Taranath, one of India's foremost players of the sarod, will perform Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. in Ewell Recital Hall. Taranath is a recipient of India's highest award in the arts for outstanding achievement in Hindustani instrumental music. He will be accompanied by tabla player Aditya Kalyanpur in a free concert open to the public. Call x1082 for more details.

Tanglefoot concert

Canadian folk music group Tanglefoot, once described as "Stan Rogers meets Van Halen," will return to the Williamsburg Library Theatre on Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and \$7 for those under 16. They can be purchased at the Williamsburg Library or with MasterCard or Visa by calling 259-4070.

Bach concert

Faculty and students of the College's Music Department will perform sonatas in chamber music arrangements together in an all-Bach concert at Bruton Parish Church on Nov. 11 at 8 p.m. Faculty members Tom Marshall, Susan Via and Ruth van Baak Griffioen will join students Nick Fitzgerald, Rachael Blake and Sarah Frook to perform a set of triosonatas by J.S. Bach. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call Dr. Griffioen at x1089.

Green & Gold success

The Recognizing Achievement in Leadership October Outstanding Student Leader of the Month Award recipients are junior Denis Beausejour and sophomore Samantha Fien-Helfman. Together, they conceived of, designed and implemented the Green and Gold Affair. The fall social event attracted over 900 students in its inaugural year.

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EVENT

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Legendary game-show host set to retire after 35 years
See GOSSIP, page B6.

The Wailers light up campus

By PAT WALSH
THE FLAT HAT

Last Saturday, the College was set ablaze. It wasn't the Wren Building burning down for the 100th time, nor was it the roof of Preston Hall spontaneously combusting. Rather, the Sunken Garden was lit up by a multitude of lighters and cell phones. Instead of the sirens of fire trucks and police cars piercing the evening air, the sweet melody of "Redemption Song" wafted gently through a crowd of several hundred students

and alumni. It wasn't Bob Marley back from the grave to provide much needed quality entertainment — it was, however, the next best thing: his former back-up band, The Wailers.

Accompanying Bob Marley from 1974 until his death in 1981, The Wailers have long been recognized as a formative link to the Reggae tradition. Bob Marley's untimely death from cancer on May 11, 1981, brought tragedy to the lives of his bandmates but did not destroy their passion for music. Led by rhythm guitarist Junior Marvin

and bassist Aston "Family Man" Barrett, The Wailers spent almost two decades on the international touring scene trying to make a new name for themselves with a string of largely unsuccessful albums: "I.D.," "JAH Message," etc.

Now, 25 years after the death of their frontman, The Wailers, as evident by Saturday night's performance, continue to play and create new music, but do not stray far from the original hits which made them known the world over. Currently, The Wailers' lineup includes original members Junior Marvin, Aston "Family Man" Barrett and Al Anderson on lead guitar. Other more recent members include Keith Sterling on keyboard and Drummie Zeb on drums.

Sponsored by the University Center Activities Board, the performance was free and open to the public. New York-based band Satori opened for The Wailers, playing a unique blend of reggae and dub beats with elements of jazz, improv and mo-town thrown into the mix. Satori's lead singer Steve Borth, former saxophonist for The Rx Bandits, definitely turned heads with his Indie-rock outfit, but by the end of the set had the whole crowd swaying along to his sound.

After taking the stage fashionably late, The Wailers did not waste time getting down to business. Kicking off their set with an inspiring version of "Trentown Rock," The Wailers proved that the spirit of Bob Marley was alive and well in their music. Intricate guitar melodies commanded the crowd as pounding basslines provided by "Family Man" literally reverberated down to the very bones of each and

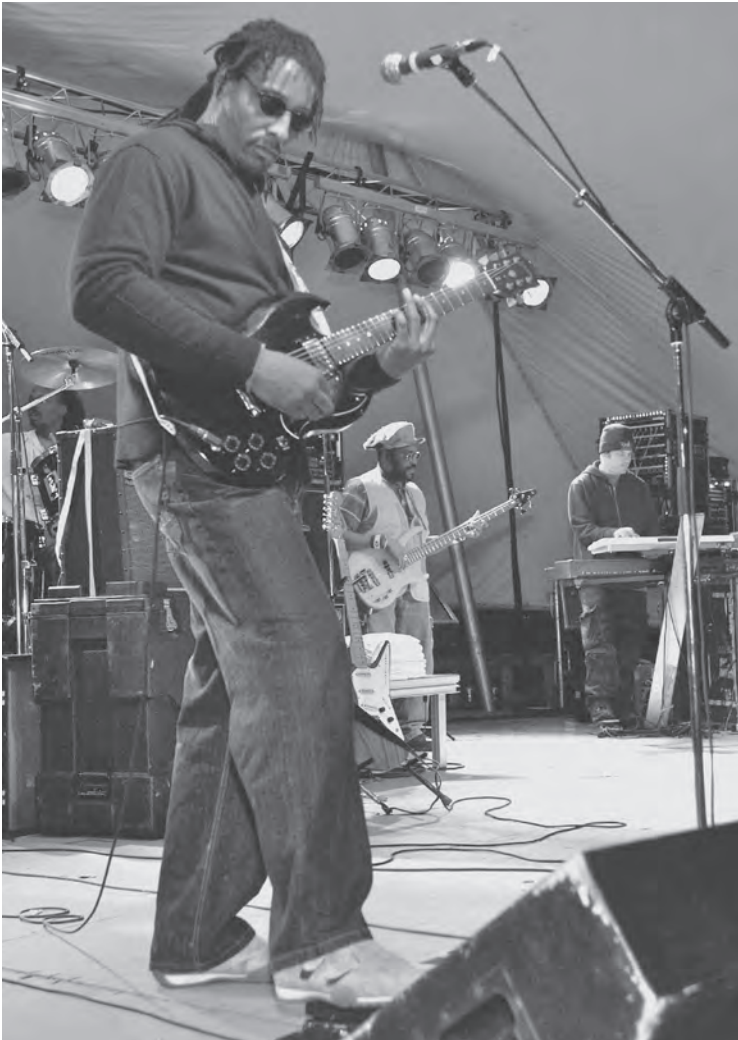
every fan.

Even the most culturally illiterate student could recognize and enjoy the hits The Wailers played. Rousing versions of "Is This Love," "Get Up, Stand Up," "Stir It Up" and "Three Little Birds" made the event worthwhile, but it was the band's work on "Jamming" and "No Woman, No Cry" which made the concert absolutely unforgettable. Guided by frontman Marvin, students and alumni shouted along to the words "No bullet will stop us now / we neither beg nor we will bow," which transitioned into the reassuring chorus of "Everything's gonna be alright!" By far, the two most intimate songs played were "Buffalo Soldier" and the painfully raw "Redemption Song," which, if nothing else, proved that pain caused by injustice and abuse can never be overlooked.

For many attendees, the historical status of the band and its link to Marley made the experience incredibly memorable. Sophomore Mathew Morrill, a long time Marley enthusiast said after the show, "We all witnessed history tonight. How many people can really say that they were part of something like this?"

In their efforts to keep Marley's influence alive, The Wailers do not simply entertain. More than anything else, for the hour or so that they are on stage, the band instills a faith in the world that everything really will be alright. For the College especially, this message rang true Saturday night. To quote Bob Marley (and The Wailers), the one great thing about their music is that "when it hits, you feel no pain."

Even the most culturally illiterate student could recognize and enjoy the hits The Wailers played.



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The Wailers played a free show to an ecstatic crowd in the Sunken Garden Saturday as this year's homecoming concert.

'SCISSORS' CUTS LINE BETWEEN COMEDY, TRAGEDY

By BETH SUTHERLAND
FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

Watching director Ryan Murphy's "Running with Scissors" is like running with scissors. It's nerve-racking, rebellious, potentially disastrous — but ultimately very exhilarating. Disclaimer: it's a true story. Do not watch this movie thinking that it's fiction; if you do, you might just deem it too crazy to be a serious film. Know that the main character, Augusten Burroughs, was born, wrote a book and is now portrayed by actor Joseph Cross ("Flags of Our Fathers") in a full-length feature film. This makes all the difference.

Delightful but painful, "Running with Scissors" falls into that ambiguous genre: the tragicomedy — an emotionally confusing category including works like Shakespeare's "Cymbeline." It is not quite a dark comedy, because honesty trumps satire and morbidity: The story boils down to the people in it. Though not particularly dark, one cannot simply sit back and laugh at these characters. Much of the criticism that has been released about "Scissors" complains that the film is too funny — that the laughter comes too often to

allow for true tragedy or pathos. I definitely beg to differ. Certainly, a movie dealing with crazy people is bound to have some amusing moments. However — whimsical scenes prove more frequent than flat-out funny ones, and the overtly sad scenes stay with the viewer long after one has left the theater. Viewed superficially and with a certain emotional detachment, this could be a hilarious film. But a moviegoer that truly "gets" the film will be more likely to have shed some compassionate tears than to have obtained a bellyache from guffawing so enthusiastically.

While quirky, the subject matter is not comedic material. The narrator (and author) is young Augusten Burroughs, but his tale belongs mostly to his insane mother. Played by Annette Bening ("Being Julia"), Deirdre Burroughs seems like a character out of an angsty, postmodernist novel. Her dreams of writing a great piece of literature shrivled. She considers herself an unappreciated artist when, really, she has no talent. Her incredibly narcissistic delusions drive her husband away and estrange her from her son. Though quite a caricature, Deirdre's artistic "constipation," as the film puts it, is absolutely heartbreaking.

The one activity that she believes could free her is the only thing she simply cannot do. She cannot be self-actualized. What begins as an innocent frustration becomes a life-consuming obsession and drives an already unstable woman utterly insane. She begins to see a therapist (whose name should really be Dr. Sketch) who psychologically, emotionally, financially and, possibly, physically abuses her in every possible way, contributing to her decline.

Her son's tale competes with hers, though, for "most pathos," as she literally gives him away to be adopted by The Doctor (as he is known). The Doctor adopts lots of his patients and lives in a nightmarishly bizarre house with a whole host of strange but unbelievably human characters. Augusten is a survivor; he undergoes a sexual identity crisis, survives the suicide attempt The Doctor suggested he perform in order to get out of school, copes with an indifferent father, finds his mom making out with another woman and ultimately leaves for New York to realize his dream of becoming a hair stylist.

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COURTESY PHOTO • ATO RECORDS

Kweller's boyish idealism charms

By CONOR McKAY
FLAT HAT ASST. REVIEWS EDITOR

Every once in a blue moon you find an artist you so wholly admire, and relate to that you want to introduce them to all of your friends. Ben Kweller is one of those guys. If you know nothing about the man, you've missed out on one of the best singer/songwriters the youth movement has had in years. Pairing the humor of Ben Folds with the excitement of Beck, Kweller has made a name for himself with a unique, fresh, sunny sound.

Having released records with a slew of labels and bands since the tender age of 13, Kweller went solo in 2000, releasing his debut album "Sha Sha" in 2002. "Sha Sha" was an immediate staple of my CD player, with lyrics beautiful, wry, witty, edgy and not in the slightest bit annoying. With songs like Weezer-esque teenage sex song "Wasted & Ready," Kweller's approach to the same issues and themes dealt with by emo bands like Dashboard Confessional or Something Corporate comes from a completely different angle: self-confidence. How many more people would love emo if the lyrics about heartache and heartbreak carried overtones of an "I Will Survive" mentality? Songs like "How It Should Be (Sha Sha)" sound both awkward and beautiful at the same time. Kweller, in three part harmony with himself, sings the non-rhyming, off-rhythmed chorus, "That's how it should be / Sha Sha / Sha Do," with a confidence that sounds amazing in light of his eternally 13 year-old voice.

His second release, 2004's "On My Way," isn't quite as catchy or exciting as "Sha Sha," but is still great. The title track is one of the best he's ever written. Kweller starts the song by confessing to his mom his urges to kill and steal, then opens up his ears to hear a "detailed story all about a grain of sand." His words ring honest and powerful when singing about a new friend across the street who is 10 years younger than he, or about falling in love with "someone who's as pretty as a flower."

Kweller has an amazing talent for finding lyrics that are seemingly clumsy and unsophisticated and making them beautiful. He shows us a take on life to which we can relate, calling to mind a time we faintly remember when we, young though we may have been, were happy about everything — a time before we grew up and discovered the horrors of the world.

Kweller's third, self-titled album, follows suit. On "Run," Kweller sings "It doesn't matter that they say we'll never make it," inspiring us as it perks up our ears to the pretty piano-guitar pop. "Sundress" follows Kweller's fascination with the lonely girl, featuring puppy-love lines like the elementary school-ish "I like your sundress." The Ben Folds-ish slamming piano chords of "Penny On a Train Track" make you want to get up and dance, while the thick, screeching electric guitar on "This Is War" sounds more like punk than pop — fitting with the war theme of the song.

His liberal use of simple love imagery in "Thirteen," easily the strongest track on the album, warms our hearts and makes us wish the song would never end. Kweller's outlook on life and love, hinted at in every song he writes, is summed up by the sweet nothings closing out the song: "We skipped on the sidewalk / Skipped stones on the water / We skipped town / We've seen the sun rise with new eyes / We've seen the damage of gossip and true lies / We've seen the sun go down / Had passionate make-outs / With passionate freak-outs / We built this world

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Ugg boot phenomenon ruins outfits, breaks basic fashion rules

OFF THE RACK



Liz Pedraja

It's that time of year again, when the seasons change and everyone digs around in their closets for sweaters, coats and scarves. Yet no wintry item makes me go "ugh" more than Ugg boots. I find it a little bewildering and sad that boots named for being ugly are such important fashion items for many. I can understand their appeal; you wake up to trek across campus to an obscenely early class; your W&M homepage lists the temperature as 28 degrees. Naturally, you reach for the warmest, comfiest pair of boots you own to make the cross-campus trip.

Sadly, this is where my appreciation for Ugg boots ends. Perhaps it's because they are large and bulky and invoke images of lumberjacks that I resent them, or maybe it's the uses people find for Uggs that offend me so strongly. For one, I don't understand why anyone would wear big clunky boots with a skirt. Not only does their large, cumbersome design detract from the sleek

lines most girls seek when wearing a skirt, but typical mini-skirt weather — namely 70 plus degrees and sunny — clearly does not call for fur-lined boots. The boots' design falls short on many levels. Significantly larger than most girls calves, the boots' gaps leave most lower legs looking like mere lumpy extensions of their thighs. I know few people who consciously try to achieve this look.

Another popular look with Ugg boots is tucked-in pants. Some girls go as far to tuck sweatpants or pajama pants into their Uggs. Again, this creates the lumpy leg look — shudder — or worse, something I like to call the pantaloons effect. Depending on the material of the pants, the upper part may billow out, resembling either the equestrian team's uniforms or fashionable menswear from the 18th century. Personally, I don't enjoy dressing like a man, but if that's your choice, more power to you. Tucking in your

pants just brings the focus to the hideous fur trim and to how large your feet look in the shoes. It could just be me, but drawing attention to the size of my feet doesn't seem like a good idea.

Uggs were first introduced years ago, before gauch pants and leggings gained a following. Combining these trends makes for some very ... interesting looks. Especially horrifying is the skirt-leggings-Ugg boot trio. When combined with Ugg boots, the skirt and leggings' slimming effect is immediately destroyed by the sheer size of the footwear. Plus, most leggings, if not all, won't extend to the top of the boot, leaving a two-inch strip of skin to be destroyed by the elements. Not only does this eliminate any continuity in the look, but it also comes off as strange. Instead of adding leggings for warmth, just wear pants.

Worse still is the effect of Uggs and gauch pants. My hatred of gauchos aside, I

can't see why anyone would pair them with any boot, much less Uggs. The pants bellow out, resembling bell bottoms you had in 5th grade that are now far too short — why pair them with boots that are too large? Gauch pants are made of a flowing material designed to create a look based on ease, comfort and sleekness; the bulky form of Uggs mars any clean lines. Again, the same two inch strip of skin pokes out, making me wonder why anyone would find that look comfortable or practical.

Please, use discretion when integrating this fashion accessory into your wardrobe. While they are incredibly warm and comfortable — perfect for winter weather — don't forget that they were designed to be ugly snow boots.

Liz Pedraja is a sophomore at the College. She is proud to have managed fitting 50 pairs of shoes into her dorm room closet, none of them Uggs.



SINGLED OUT
The Decemberists — “Shankill Butchers”
From their *The Crane Wife* LP

The Decemberists’ breakout album, “Picaresque,” while catchy and fun, is at times corny and far too poppy for Colin Meloy’s old-timey crooning style. “The Crane Wife,” with songs like the creepy lullaby “Shankill Butchers,” is the band’s best album yet, playing more to their quirky nature.

— compiled by conor mckay

- WCWM TOP 10 ALBUMS**
1. *Awoo* — **The Hidden Cameras**
 2. *The Lost Take* — **Dosh**
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HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP

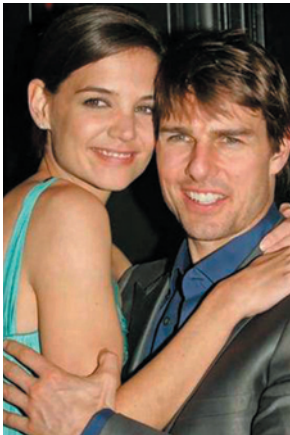
Marcia, Marcia, Marcia

Recently married Marcia Cross has taken legal action to prevent the sale of nude pictures of her. Photos of her showering outside were taken by a company hired by the “Desperate Housewives” star to clean her house. The company has agreed to sell the pictures back to Cross, basing prices on information found on her tax return. While they have no qualms about invading her privacy or exploiting her for personal gain, they refuses to discuss her income “out of respect for Ms. Cross.”



Historical hideaway for wedded bliss

As the wedding looms closer, Scientology’s power couple has settled on a venue: Benito Mussolini’s World War II hideout, Villa Feltrinelli. TomKat discovered the 19th century building where everyone’s favorite Italian dictator hid from Allied forces while vacationing with Spice Girl Victoria Beckham. The lavish hotel, overlooking Lake Garda, is hidden by dense foliage, providing the perfect locale to hide Suri Cruise for the next six months.



Un-Pleasantville?

Life for Reese Witherspoon and Ryan Phillippe has stopped being just like heaven. The couple, who have been married for seven years, announced their separation Monday. The “Cruel Intentions” stars have two children, Ava Elizabeth, seven, and Deacon, three. Though divorce papers have not been officially filed yet, Reese has already contacted celebrity divorce lawyer Robert Kaufman. According to sources, the relationship crashed due to an accumulation of problems.



Final showcase

After 50 years on television, 35 of those spent as host of “The Price is Right,” Bob Barker will come on down for the last time. At 83, the daytime legend has “decided to retire while [he’s] still young” so that he has time to “find out what it feels like to be bored.” Once the entertainment icon airs his final showcase showdown, Barker will continue working with animal rights causes, encouraging everyone to “help control the pet population.”

— compiled by alice hahn

WCWM 90.9 FM FALL 2006 PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE	SUNDAY	10 p.m. - Mid.: Chris Larkum “100% Natural, Good Time Family Hour”	TUESDAY	10-Noon: Graham DeZarn	“Soundgasm”	FRIDAY	“The Massive Saxophone”
	Mid.-2 a.m.: James Chase Coleman		2-4 p.m.: Evan Feldman	12-2 p.m.: Emily Flowers	10 p.m. - Mid.: Brian Kelley “Cadmium’s Last Stand”	2-4 p.m.: Patrick Donaldson “Shakedown Street”	4-6 p.m.: Devin Oller
	“Freedom of Music”		4-6 p.m.: Kate Leary	“World Music”		5-6 p.m.: Sandy Lesberg	“Word Play”
	2-4 p.m.: Anne Gessler	MONDAY	6-8 p.m.: Sean Donnelly	2-3 p.m.: Eric Van Orman	THURSDAY	“Sandy Lesberg’s World”	6-8 p.m.: M.A. Rodabaugh “Mood Swing”
	“Music from Under Anne’s Bed”	6-8 p.m.: Jacob Charron “A Veritable Cornucopia of Sound”	8-10 p.m.: Drew Taylor	4-6 p.m.: Michelle Kelley	6-8 p.m.: Natt Blair	8-10 p.m.: Rob Simmons	8-10 p.m.: Josh Allen
	4-6 p.m.: Mika Mason	8-10 p.m.: Diane O’neal	“The Gilded Palace of Sin”	“Jojo’s Punk Rock Hour”	“The Conspiracy to Keep You Poor and Stupid”	“Pre-Game Show”	“All Your Base Are Belong To Us”
	“Naive Melody”	10 p.m. - Mid.: Rob Simmons “Continuum Presents”	10 p.m. - Mid.: Josh Specht and David Sievers	6-8 p.m.: John Bell	10 p.m.-12: Taurin Barrera “Nasty Boy Remix”	SATURDAY	10 p.m.-12.: Adam Kane
	6-8 p.m.: Barbara Zidek			“Alphabet Soup”		2-4 p.m.: Andy Beers and David McClendon	
	8-10 p.m.: Matt Sherrill			8-10 p.m.: Claire White			
	“Stop Drop and Soul”						



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Biting ‘Scissors’ painfully true

‘SCISSORS’ from page B5

Every character in the story is fascinating. They all have compelling stories and irresistible quirks, enriching the movie so much that it seems made up — like a tale concocted by an especially clever writer. But, no. They are real.

The performances of the actors contribute greatly to the characters’ poignancy. Why are we not seeing more of Bening? Her heartbreaking, hilarious and all-around compelling portrayal of Deirdre definitely competes with the finest moments of Meryl Streep or Nicole Kidman. Where has Annette been? She portrays almost every emotion imaginable; not only that, but she is crazy, so this multitude of expressions

must all pass over her face in a matter of seconds. She deserves an Oscar nod. Joseph Fiennes (“Shakespeare in Love”), Gwyneth Paltrow (also “Shakespeare in Love”), Brian Cox (“Red Eye”), Evan Rachel Wood (“The Upside of Anger”) and Alec Baldwin (“The Departed”) each bring something unique, special and captivating to the movie. The characters manage to be both colorful and very, very human. One cannot (or should not) help but truly care about what happens to them. Their interactions change both themselves and the audience.

“Running with Scissors” is a very unique, heartwarmingly horrifying (or horrifyingly heartwarming) story of relationships. The moral? “Crazy” is a relative term.

Singer-songwriter shines gem

KWELLER from page B5

of our own / I was in the back of the taxi / When you told me you loved me / And that I wasn’t alone.” This scope of beauty makes Kweller so instantly appealing.

Why can’t we all be so content with the simplest things in life? Longing for a life driven by picturesque scenes like those on Kweller’s albums makes me love the man and his music. He gives us an idealized view of the world

through four part harmonies, pretty piano riffs and a naive yet earnest voice. There’s a little Ben Kweller in all of us, and it’s our best part. However, no other artist out there wears it on his sleeve with the pride and confidence of the man himself.

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